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COUNTY VOICE

The Voice of the Haliburton Highlands - Locally Owned and Operated

Bassmania winners bring home the 'bad bass bacon'

By Terrance Gavan - Voice Sports

The gentle dip of tip; a slight, almost imperceptible, jerk; and the sound of a reel spinning glee.

A rapid spurt of four-pound-test fishing line is peeling and wheeling off into the distance.

Fish on.

Game on.

Time to play baby!

Here's what John Steinback said about the whole schmoose.

"It has always been my private conviction that any man who pits his intelligence against a fish and loses has it coming."

Ah, some guys just don't get it.

Then again, maybe old Johnny had a point.

Last weekend 90 teams of very savvy fishermen peeled around the Highlands in very big boats competing for some very big prizes.

They were pitting not only their intelligence, but the combined knowledge of a large and flourishing industry dedicated to assembling killer boats, fancy fish finders and kick-bass lures in a wild and wacky attempt to skew the odds in favor of man versus bass.

Bassmania... cont'd on page 16



A veritable armada of high-powered bass boats make their way to the big lakes drifting gently down the narrows into the dawn light on Friday morning. Ninety nifty boats competed for the \$40,000 first prize (\$128,000 total prizes) in the Bassmania Championship event held in Haliburton last weekend.

'Mystery' fast food outlet gets Minden zoning approval

By: Liz Danielsen - Reporter

More fast food is coming to Minden, but nobody's saying which chain has signed up. An application for rezoning by Borcap Holdings Ltd. for a drive through restaurant on the north-eastern corner of Highway 35 and Bobcaygeon Road has been approved. The only piece of information that remains a closely held secret is the name of the 'large multi-national restaurant franchise.'

Although no official site plans are available as yet for the restaurant, Borcap's planner Andrew Ip reviewed displays that gave Council 'a flavour of what is being proposed.' According to Ip what is being proposed is consistent with much of what has already been built along the highway. Ip advised that he had spoken with all of the adjacent property owners, given their proposal to have a continuous driveway linking the two properties.

While the existing zoning allows a restaurant development, the amendment was necessary to allow the drive-through access.

Given the restrictions by MTO, Borcap will have their primary drive-through access from Bobcaygeon Road with a two lane exit/access to the adjacent Foodland property. This raised a number of questions about the traffic flow and Ip confirmed that the company had engaged a traffic consultant to look at all of the traffic patterns. He assured Council that there would never be a point where a cue will become non-negotiable.

Borcap owners Gino Capozzoli and Claudio Bortolussi were both present at the meeting and confirmed how happy they were that the zoning change was readily approved. While all smiles, they would only say that the franchise was not McDonalds and that the name would be released in the very near future.

Residents Challenged over Little Bob Lake Public Lake Access

Brian Weston and his wife really enjoy sailing on Gull Lake, and they have traditionally used the public access on Little Bob Lake to get to the Gull. The Westons suddenly found their passage to the water blocked by boulders and themselves under threat of trespass by a land owner adjacent to the public access point who reportedly claimed the land for himself.

The lake access was created years ago (prior to 1970) off Rackety Trail on land under shared ownership of 54 area property owners on Little Bob Lake, but a 55th share is owned by the municipality after being acquired for tax arrears. Weston, although not one of the registered owners, has received permission from a number of the shareholders to moor his sailboat in the area and use the access.

Weston approached the Minden Hills Council late last month with a request that the Council take control of the public access

Minden Hills... cont'd on page 5

New school year, new beginnings

By Laura Redman - Reporter



Students and teachers headed back to classrooms on Tuesday and these Grade Eight students at J. D. Hodgson E.S. lined up in order of their birth dates.

Rain, that continued on and off throughout the Labour Day weekend, seemed to mark the end of the summer holidays, as buses rolled onto the roads and area schools welcomed back teachers and students Tuesday morning.

At Archie Stouffer E.S. in Minden, Joan Harpell said her dedicated team had ensured everything ran "very smoothly" first day.

"I love it here," Harpell said. "We have a bunch of sweet kids and the best staff you can imagine. I feel lucky to have been here this long."

At Stuart W. Baker E.S., France Meunier was also busy thanking her staff.

School... cont'd on page 3

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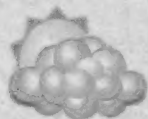
THURSDAY



Cloudy with a few showers

▲ 17° ▼ 11°

FRIDAY



Mostly cloudy and seasonably cool

▲ 17° ▼ 10°

SATURDAY



Mostly sunny and warmer

▲ 21° ▼ 14°

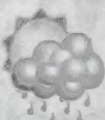
SUNDAY



Chance of scattered thunderstorms

▲ 22° ▼ 14°

MONDAY



AM sun, then PM showers

▲ 22° ▼ 15°

TUESDAY



Chance of showers and thunderstorms

▲ 21° ▼ 12°

WEDNESDAY



Mostly cloudy with showers

▲ 18° ▼ 10°

AROUND THE REGION: An area of low pressure, spinning to the east, will produce clouds and a few showers over the area today. Highs will be near 17. Skies will remain cloudy tonight. Lows will be near 11. the clouds will linger tomorrow with highs near 17. High pressure will bring sunshine to the area on Saturday. Highs will be near 21.

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LOTTO 649

04-Sep-2010

11 13 17 18 20 45
BONUS 41

ENCORE 5049011

LOTTO MAX

03-Sep-2010

12 17 27 28 31 36 48
BONUS 37

ENCORE 1155930

TROPICAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low/Otik	Friday Hi/Low/Otik	Saturday Hi/Low/Otik	City	Today Hi/Low/Otik	Friday Hi/Low/Otik	Saturday Hi/Low/Otik
Acapulco	32/26/ts	32/26/ts	32/26/ts	Montego Bay	31/26/ts	31/26/ts	32/26/ts
Antigua	31/26/ts	31/26/pc	31/26/pc	Nassau	34/27/ts	34/27/ts	34/27/ts
Barbados	32/25/pc	32/26/pc	31/26/ts	Port au Prince	34/26/ts	33/24/ts	34/24/ts
Bermuda	29/26/ts	29/26/ts	28/25/ts	Puerto Vallarta	31/26/ts	32/26/ts	32/25/ts
Cancun	31/26/ts	31/25/ts	32/26/ts	St Thomas	31/26/ts	32/27/su	32/26/su
Curacao	32/27/ts	32/26/ts	33/27/ts	St Maarten	31/27/pc	32/26/su	32/27/pc
Freeport	33/26/ts	33/27/ts	33/26/ts	San Jose, CR	26/18/ts	27/18/ts	27/18/ts
Georgetown	29/24/ts	31/24/ts	32/24/ts	San Juan	31/26/ts	32/26/su	32/25/su
Havana	33/23/ts	33/23/ts	33/24/ts	San Salvador	29/22/ts	30/22/ts	30/22/ts
Key West	32/27/ts	32/27/ts	32/27/ts	Santo Domingo	33/24/ts	33/24/ts	33/24/pc
Kingston	31/26/ts	31/26/ts	31/27/ts	Trinidad	31/25/ts	31/24/ts	32/24/ts

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low/Otik	Friday Hi/Low/Otik	Saturday Hi/Low/Otik	Sunday Hi/Low/Otik	Monday Hi/Low/Otik	Tuesday Hi/Low/Otik	Wednesday Hi/Low/Otik
Bancroft	17/10/sh	17/10/cl	21/13/su	22/14/ts	22/15/sh	21/12/ts	18/10/sh
Barrie	17/11/sh	17/10/cl	22/14/su	23/14/ts	23/16/sh	21/13/ts	18/10/sh
Dorset	17/10/sh	17/10/cl	21/13/su	22/14/ts	22/15/sh	21/12/ts	18/10/sh
Haliburton	17/11/sh	17/10/cl	21/14/su	22/14/ts	22/15/sh	21/12/ts	18/10/sh
Huntsville	17/10/sh	17/10/cl	21/13/su	22/14/ts	22/15/sh	21/12/ts	18/10/sh
Kingston	18/11/sh	18/11/cl	22/14/su	24/15/ts	23/16/sh	22/13/ts	19/11/sh
Lindsay	17/11/sh	17/11/cl	22/14/su	23/14/ts	23/16/sh	21/13/ts	18/10/sh
Minden	17/11/sh	17/10/cl	21/14/su	22/14/ts	22/15/sh	21/12/ts	18/10/sh
Oshawa	18/12/sh	19/12/cl	22/15/su	24/16/ts	24/17/sh	22/14/ts	19/12/sh
Ottawa	17/11/sh	18/9/sh	22/14/su	23/14/pc	23/14/ts	21/13/ts	18/11/sh
Toronto	18/12/sh	19/12/cl	23/16/su	24/16/ts	24/17/sh	22/14/ts	19/12/sh

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low/Otik	Friday Hi/Low/Otik	Saturday Hi/Low/Otik	Sunday Hi/Low/Otik	Monday Hi/Low/Otik	Tuesday Hi/Low/Otik	Wednesday Hi/Low/Otik
Calgary	16/7/sh	19/6/cl	24/14/pc	22/14/sh	23/13/pc	25/14/pc	25/16/sh
Edmonton	14/6/sh	15/3/sh	22/10/sh	19/7/sh	18/7/cl	19/8/cl	20/10/sh
Fredericton	19/13/sh	19/12/sh	19/11/sh	18/9/pc	19/11/sh	20/12/sh	21/12/sh
Halifax	19/13/sh	19/12/sh	20/13/sh	19/11/sh	19/12/sh	20/13/sh	21/14/sh
Montreal	18/11/sh	19/11/sh	21/13/su	23/13/pc	23/15/sh	21/13/ts	19/11/sh
Regina	14/10/ra	14/6/sh	26/14/pc	24/13/cl	24/12/pc	25/13/pc	26/15/ts
St. John's	18/12/sh	18/13/sh	18/9/sh	17/8/sh	18/9/pc	20/11/pc	21/12/sh
Saskatoon	10/8/ra	13/4/sh	24/13/sh	21/10/sh	21/9/cl	22/10/cl	24/13/ts
Vancouver	19/11/pc	17/11/sh	15/11/sh	16/12/sh	18/14/sh	19/13/sh	20/13/sh
Whitehorse	13/6/sh	12/5/sh	19/9/sh	18/10/sh	18/9/cl	19/9/cl	20/10/cl
Winnipeg	17/9/cl	18/9/ts	24/13/ts	21/11/sh	19/9/sh	19/9/pc	23/11/pc

AREA ALMANAC

Last seven days	High	Low	Prec.
Monday 9/6	17°C	8°C	0.0 mm
Sunday 9/5	15°C	8°C	0.0 mm
Saturday 9/4	15°C	9°C	2.5 mm
Friday 9/3	NA	NA	NA
Thursday 9/2	25°C	20°C	8.1 mm
Wednesday 9/1	28°C	20°C	2.3 mm
Tuesday 8/31	29°C	18°C	0.0 mm

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SUN & MOON

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
Thu. 9/9	6:46 a.m./7:36 p.m.	8:23 a.m./7:50 p.m.
Fri. 9/10	6:47 a.m./7:34 p.m.	9:43 a.m./8:19 p.m.
Sat. 9/11	6:48 a.m./7:33 p.m.	11:02 a.m./8:52 p.m.
Sun. 9/12	6:49 a.m./7:31 p.m.	12:18 p.m./9:30 p.m.
Mon. 9/13	6:50 a.m./7:29 p.m.	1:28 p.m./10:15 p.m.
Tues. 9/14	6:52 a.m./7:27 p.m.	2:29 p.m./11:07 p.m.
Wed. 9/15	6:53 a.m./7:25 p.m.	3:21 p.m./none

First	Full	Last	New
Sept. 15	Sept. 23	Sept. 30	Oct. 7

Back to school, NOT !

■ By: Lyn Winans - Photojournalist

The bell! What conjures up thoughts of school more than the sound of the bell? The bell, class time, recess time, lunch- time, home time, bus duty, yard duty and after school sports time. Although traditional school- yard hand bells have given way to electronic buzzers and even digital greetings, the purpose remains the same. The bell dictates life in most schools: it determines the movement and activities within. It's no wonder then, that when retired teachers gather on the first day of school each year, the event is aptly named, "to hell with the bell."

The Haliburton Unit of District 18, Retired teachers of Ontario, convened at the Peppermill on September 7th to celebrate "freedom from the bell". It's not as if they didn't enjoy their time spent in school. In fact, the conversation inevitably kept returning to past students, some retired themselves now. The stories were relayed with enthusiasm and affection.

Many of the 47 retired teachers in attendance still work with kids voluntarily, either through the school system or within community programs for young people. There was approximately 1,410 years of teaching experience in the room. The oldest among the bell-escapees was 90 year old Annie Robertson of Coboconk. She's sharp as a tack, and looked like she could still manage a classroom today. Her career began in Burnt River in 1940, and took her to schools in Coboconk and Lindsay before her retirement in 1976. She keeps up on changes in the educational system and follows her great grandchildren's school lives closely. When asked what she thought were the greatest changes in the education system, she responded, "children can do no wrong now, discipline and a framework of expectations is lacking". It was stated with concern, for her great grandchildren, parents and teachers alike. Who else but teachers gather to celebrate retirement and talk about nothing else but students, schools and the future of education? What a relaxing way to begin the school year after 14 centuries of listening to the bell. ■



Ninety year old retired Teacher Annie Robertson of Coboconk

McGuinty appoints MPP Rick Johnson to new position

■ By: Mark Arike - Reporter

Local MPP Rick Johnson has some new shoes to fill as parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure Bob Chiarelli.

"I'm pleased that the Premier [McGuinty] has the confidence in me to do the job," Johnson said in an interview with The Voice. "I'm looking forward to the challenge," he said.

Johnson, the former parliamentary assistant to the minister of agriculture, food and rural affairs, said he enjoyed being an advocate for agriculture and learned plenty by connecting with those in the community.

"It was a great experience. It got me out to all of the farms... I had great meetings with a lot of the farmers," Johnson said of the role he held for one year.

Parliamentary assistants work with ministers on key priorities and projects within their portfolios. As parliamentary assistant to the minister of infrastructure, Johnson will work to identify key infrastructure developments and ensure the province's stock of public

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New beginnings...from page 1



"The teachers, the caretaker and the secretaries have all been here for the last two weeks making sure everything was ready. They went way above and beyond their duties, since that is unpaid time - but because of them, being so organized, the first day ran smoothly. My first day has been great."

It was a new beginning this fall at Wilberforce and Cardiff schools this year, as Wilberforce was transformed to a Grade 4-8 school and Cardiff became home to area Junior Kindergarten to Grade Threes.

"It's so exciting," said Elaine Fournier, principal of both schools. It's a brand new chapter and this was a big change for us, but our first day went really well. Everyone was picked up where they were supposed to be, and it's just great." ■

Ryanne, a student in Mrs. LaPierre's Grade One class at Stuart Baker Elementary School was busy practising how to print her name.



Grade Eight students in Mile. Kimberly Veneziale class at J. D. Hodgson E.S. showed off their shiny new "kicks".

Rick Johnson ...from page 2

infrastructure assets remain in good repair, part of the McGuinty Government's Open Ontario Plan.

Johnson defined infrastructure as the glue that keeps the province together.

"In the past two years the province has invested \$2 billion into infrastructure," Johnson said of monies spent on projects such as roads, sewers and bridges.

Minister Chiarelli was appointed as the minister of infrastructure in mid-August. Chiarelli was an MPP of the Ottawa West Riding for many years, and eventually became the mayor of the City of Ottawa.

For Johnson, the new partnership is one that he believes he'll greatly benefit from.

"I know the education sector, I've got a really good handle on the agriculture sector now, and now this will give me an opportunity to expand my knowledge," Johnson said.

Johnson recently met with Chiarelli and what he took from the discussion is that he'll constantly be on the go.

"Bob told me I'll be very busy, so I'm pleased with that," he said. ■

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Editorial VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick



New Season, New Look, New (and old) Faces

(After all, we're almost three years old!)

This issue of the Voice is the 136th we've published since we hit the streets of Haliburton one snowy January day in 2008. It also marks the beginning of a new era in the Voice's brief history: we're introducing a new front page look, and will in subsequent issues complete the redesign of the entire paper. As many readers know, our ownership is changing hands as well, with Publisher Jack Brezina reporting to the Board of the County Voice G.I.F.T.

These are indeed exciting and demanding times at both the Voice, and our sister publication, the Highlands Communicator, which is also undergoing a creative re-birth – look for our next issue scheduled for September 23rd. But at the same time the editorial thrust and mix will remain the same. We will continue to cover all of Haliburton County, all four municipal councils as well as county council, gallery openings, theatrical events, student sports, Highland Storm hockey, and the many diverse and fascinating events that make up the average week in the Highlands. We'll also continue to delve into the less happy sides of life here, the seemingly endless cycle of rural poverty, the sometimes tragic alienation of so many of our youth, and the difficult choices faced by so many seniors and their families as their lives – and living circumstances – come to a close.

We are also delighted to welcome some new additions to our editorial staff. Many readers will remember the energy, humour, and compassion that Reporter Mark Arike brought to the first year and a half of the Voice. Mark's spent the past year as the Arts Council's Marketing Associate, successfully promoting and writing about the County's myriad artists and artistic events. Previous to his first stint with the Voice, Mark graduated with a Journalism, Print and Broadcast Diploma from Durham College, and followed that with a internship at CITY TV as part of the investigative news team of the Silverman Helps show. In his spare time, he is also Ontario's, and possibly the world's, most exciting Michael Jackson impersonator.

We also welcome community newspaper veteran Laura Redman to the Voice's editorial team. Laura has almost 20 years experience in professional community newspapers, was recruited as Managing Editor of the Mississauga News, ran three community newspapers for Sun Media out of Stirling Ontario as well as working for a host of publications ranging from the North Bay Nugget and the Niagara Falls Review to the Toronto Star. Most recently she's been Resource Development Coordinator for the YWCA Peterborough, Victoria, and Haliburton/Minden. She's been a lifelong cottager on Mountain Lake, and is delighted to be able to move permanently to the Highlands with her husband Peter and their children.

As always, we welcome our readers comments on our new design and our new team as we continue to improve on the young, but vibrant, tradition of the County Voice and the Highlands Communicator. ■



New County Voice Staffers Laura Redman, and Mark Arike

Letter of the Week

"Won't You Lend a Helping Hand?"

Dear Editor:

It has never ceased to amaze me how lucky we are to live in communities such as ours. Besides the majestic scenery, we have a plethora of wonderful activities to enjoy throughout the year. We have access to first class theatre productions and opera, as well as visual and creative arts facilities to further our learning. We also have access to good health care and social services should the need arise.

As more and more people begin the exit from the city for a more relaxed lifestyle, new housing developments are cropping up. And, with the influx of permanent residents, combined with summer visitors, comes an increase in lost and found dogs and cats. Unfortunately, for all the progress, the one thing we can't seem to provide, is a proper shelter to house these animals.

Oh, there have been suggestions made in the past but to no avail. Without the generosity of a few individuals, they would be virtually left to their own demise and sometimes are. There isn't a day on Canoe Radio where some poor animal is in need of finding its family or just to have a happy home with someone new. My last animal came from the dump. We have river walks in Minden, a new airport at Stanhope, rail trails throughout the county, new libraries, snowmobiles, ATV's, skiing, skating, etc., all there for our personal enjoyment. But no one has stepped up to the plate to take the bull by the horns on this issue. These beautiful creatures give us hours of pleasure and love. Don't they deserve an opportunity!

But I guess in a county where local dumps can't be consistent with their recycling process and one part of the county can't get along with the other, one could expect nothing less.

These Animals need someone to be their champion... Won't you lend a helping hand!

Gail Nicholson
Minden ■

G20: Enough already!

Dear Editor:

Doug I have my opinion, you have yours. Polls indicate about 85 percent of Canadians share mine. I am not going to continue to argue this in the newspaper because after awhile it all gets a little tedious for the readers. I think I explained my position quite well my last letter.

I asked you five simple questions, and since you didn't answer one I am assuming you must have conceded I am right! It is obvious you are beset by some sort of paranoia that Canada is turning into some kind of Orwellian Police State.

Regarding the detainees, they wouldn't have been detained in the first place, had they dispersed as asked.

Keith W. Stata,
Kinmount, ON

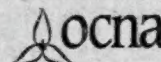
Editor's Note:

The ongoing "exchange of views" between our loyal readers Keith Stata and Doug Smith about the G20 demonstrations and the current state of democracy in Canada has been illuminating – and no doubt infuriating to many of our readers. However, all good things must come to an end, as they say. So we'll be happy to print one more riposte from Mr. Smith (if he so wishes) in next week's Voice and then call it quits ... for now. "Shoot low, Sheriff, they're riding Shetland Ponies", as my old poet friend the Hawk used to say. And thanks to Keith and Doug for an entertaining and informative exchange.

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Dear Editor:

"I do not own 'Beehive Rock'."

Dear Editor:

I am writing to clear up some inaccurate information in Liz Danielson's article titled "Old boathouse permit causes ruckus". In a nut shell:

1. I do not own "Beehive Rock".
2. Beehive Rock is not on Sandy Bay Road. So all the cars can stop driving down there looking for it. It is water locked around a point and not visible from Sandy Bay Road..
3. The president of the Gull Lake Cottagers Association has contacted me directly to clarify that he did not circulate a document in advance of the public council meeting. He has advised me that he will be writing to your paper to request a formal retraction.
4. Since receiving my permit I have progressed with the project which is why I did not get a renewal letter. Given the extreme elevation of the property that I own the progress has been exponentially more complex than a simple building site structure.
5. As Ms. Danielson reports, it was unprecedented that anyone beyond the delegate Patty Aziz was allowed to speak. After other supporters were allowed to add to Ms. Aziz' comments it only made sense that the council allow me to speak as well and clear up a lot of misunderstandings. I appreciated this opportunity.
6. I am happy that during the break in council that some members of the delegation felt comfortable enough to talk to me directly. I encourage anyone to do so in the future and not through the media. I am available to discuss this issue once I hear from you.

Ed Litwin

Minden Hills

Minden Hills summary ...from page 1

that they own a portion of. The request was being made in response to the access being blocked by a number of large boulders, by private property and no trespassing signs and finally by personal confrontation by the adjacent land owner who claimed that the land belonged to him.

When an attempt was made to traverse the access point, threats of being charged with trespass and a visit from the police cautioning Weston not to trespass until the situation was resolved, finally brought the matter to a head. Weston decided to do some research at the land titles office, which clearly indicated that the land was in fact held in shared ownership that included the municipality.

According to Weston, no safe alternate passage to the water could be found in the area due to jagged rocks and thick underbrush so he respectfully requested that Council and its legal department investigate the matter further to confirm the property owner's claim; that if the claim was confirmed Council address the need for a safe public access to the water in their 2011 budget deliberations but, if the claim was rejected, the municipality restore the public's right to access Gull Lake and have the boulders and prohibitive signage removed.

Rick Cox, Director of Community Services, had investigated the situation prior to the Council meeting and confirmed the placement of boulders and signage, but also confirmed that the site was not presently maintained by the municipality's Parks Division.

After considerable discussion a resolution was passed by Council directing the property owner to remove the rocks and failing that, the township would do the work and charge the owner for costs.

Council also directed staff to ensure that signage advising that it was a public access point be installed.

Council Defers Draft Policies

During their August 25th meeting, a number of draft or amended policies were presented to Council for approval. Councillor Barb Reid raised a number of questions, particularly with respect to the release of council agenda material, the employee code of conduct and a policy on cell phone use.

Reid questioned why the entire agenda package was not made available in the municipality's website, similar to the County Council and Algonquin Highlands. Clerk Cheryl McCarroll advised that many of the Council members request their agenda in paper format. McCarroll added that the agenda itself is available for viewing on line.

Reid however said that the background reports and information were not available, something that many members of the public would like to read in advance of the meetings in order to have a better understanding of the

topics to be discussed. She said, "The package is given to the press. Why not to the public in advance?"

Reid also questioned the policy on staff's use of cell phones and the requirement for them to be returned upon retirement, vacation, short or long term disability or any extended absence from work unless permission was otherwise granted. Reid suggested that this permission be granted in writing to remove any doubt.

Referring to the policy on employee code of conduct, Reid questioned the ability of staff to bid on the sale of surplus municipal goods. According to Reid, the Council had agreed to restrict staff from bidding on municipal property given the perception by the public that they would have greater knowledge of a vehicle's worthiness. She asked that the policy be deferred and reviewed given that many municipalities do not allow staff to submit bids.

McMahon commented that Council might as well defer all of the proposed policies and Council agreed.

South Lake Development Moves Forward

Despite concerns raised at the Council meeting last month, the Threebrooks Estates development on South Lake will be going to the next level for approvals.

The condominium development, which calls for 12 single detached dwellings in the first phase, requires an amendment to the Official Plan to designate the lands as a Waterfront Special Area given their smaller than required lot sizes and an amendment to the zoning by-law to



Threebrooks Estates development on South Lake

change the zoning from recreational commercial to shoreline residential.

For months now, the Council has voiced concerns about the ownership model for the units and whether or not the municipality would be held responsible for the water system at some point in the future. During the meeting in July Council requested written confirmation from the Ministry of Environment confirming that the condominium corporation would retain full responsibility for the system.

Rick Hunter of Planscape in Bracebridge was hired by Threebrooks Estates to review the application and appeared before Council during the August 26th meeting. Hunter confirmed that the developer had been unable to market the original (fractional) ownership proposal, that the developer was seeking condominium approval and that concerns voiced by the municipality were unfounded.

Several members of Council confirmed that they had received a report from their own planner which provided answers to their questions and provided a greater level of comfort. Councillor Bill Obee said, "I believe that a condominium development will be better overall for us."

Based on the municipality's planning consultant's recommendation, Council passed a motion to approve the notification of a public meeting to address the Official Plan and zoning by-law amendments. ■

Police Reports

Drivers Charged

(Haliburton ON) – Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment charged two motorists with alcohol related Criminal Code driving offences this past weekend.

On Saturday September 4, 2010 shortly before 7:30pm officers were called to investigate a motor vehicle collision on Sandy Bay Rd in the Township of Minden Hills. Members of the Haliburton County Emergency Medical Services also attended the scene.

The investigation revealed that the driver of a dirt bike had been ejected from his bike while travelling down the road. The driver was subsequently taken by ambulance to the Minden Hospital.

Shane Gallagher 27 years, of Uxbridge has been charged with Impaired Driving and Drive Over 80mgs. Mr. Gallagher will be appearing in Minden Court on October 6, 2010 in relation to the charges.

On Sunday September 5, 2010 shortly after 7:00pm an officer was patrolling the Village of Minden and had occasion to stop a vehicle on Prince St. The officer had conversation with the driver who was given and failed a roadside screening test. The driver was subsequently arrested and transported to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

Jillian Pendleton 47 years, of Minden Hills Township has been charged with Impaired Driving and Drive Over 80mgs. Ms. Pendleton will be appearing in Minden Court on November 3, 2010 in relation to the charges ■

School Bus Safety

The Bancroft detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police wish to remind motorists to use caution when sharing the roadway with school buses. Not only are buses making frequent stops but there are also children along the road waiting for the bus or walking away from the bus.

Motorists are reminded that when approaching a stopped school bus with red lights flashing and the STOP arm out, traffic must stop in both directions, regardless of the posted speed. When approaching a school bus from behind, a vehicle must stop 20 meters behind the bus and when approaching from the opposite direction a vehicle must stop at a safe distance. Motorists may proceed only when the lights stop flashing, the STOP arm folds away and the bus begins to move. The driver and the owner of the motor vehicle can be charged for passing a school bus with signals flashing.

Failing to stop can result in a fine upon conviction:

First offence: fine \$400.00 - \$2000.00 and 6 demerit points.

Subsequent offence: fine \$1000.00 - \$4000.00 and 6 demerit points and possible imprisonment.

Many children walk to school and motorists should be aware of the increased pedestrian traffic around our local schools. Reduced speeds in some school zones will again be in effect, be aware of these areas and slow down. ■

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Aggregates ... A hidden wonder of nature

Submitted by the Haliburton Stewardship Council and Environment Haliburton EH!

If you are dreaming about peaceful days in the undisturbed natural landscape of Haliburton County, consider this: the provincial government predicts that Ontario's population will grow by four million people by 2030. Such growth will create unprecedented pressures on all of our natural resources. Aggregate resources will be required for this development and yet, aggregate extraction can have serious environmental, social and economic consequences if not carried out with proper planning. Anyone who reads our local newspapers will be aware of the recent developments concerning aggregate extraction and the subsequent contentious issues that have arisen.

Without a doubt, Haliburton County is dependant on a healthy natural environment to ensure its continued attraction as a tourist and recreational destination. In addition, the county's development and prosperity are dependant on a long term supply of aggregate resources, but can this natural environment be sustained in light of the present policies and our increasing demand for aggregates?

So what are aggregates, how do we use them and what are the issues that we should be aware of? Aggregates are a non-renewable natural resource consisting of sand, gravel or crushed stone. They are excavated and mined to be used in buildings and road construction. Aggregate deposits provide a cleansing reservoir for our groundwater. The average house requires 440 tonnes of aggregate for foundations, concrete blocks and bricks,

mortar, shingles, steel, glass and asphalt. One kilometer of a two-lane highway can consume more than 15,000 tonnes of aggregate. Those four million people will need houses, and highways to get to them.

Aggregates, deposited during the last ice age and lying in place, filter and purify the water we drink. Haliburton is characterized by an undulating surface of bedrock (the Canadian Shield) covered in places with a thin veneer of glacially deposited sand and gravel. Groundwater percolates through the sand and gravel and is filtered and stored, in part, within the aggregate deposit. Of critical importance, is the fact that once the aggregate deposit is removed, nature's water filter is permanently removed. This function is also provided by wetlands, and lost when they are filled or drained. In Ontario aggregates are used in greater quantities than any other natural resource and this consumption is increasing.

On January 1, 2007, most of the province came under the Aggregate Resources Act (ARA), which is the provincial legislation that regulates all pits and quarries. Before this date only southern Ontario and selected sites in Northern Ontario were regulated by the act. In southern Ontario where the ARA has been in effect since 1990, it appears that the ARA has not provided effective guidance on management of aggregate resources. As of December 2004, the province had only 20 field inspectors to oversee the 6000 active pits and quarries in the province (reported by the Pembina Institute for Appropriate Development in Rebalancing the Load: The need for an aggregates conservation strategy for Ontario (January 2005), p. 10).

With the growing population, there will be a growing demand for aggregates. Environmental issues such as loss of source waters,

comprehensive outline of the state of affairs in the industry.

Another document that guides decision-makers is the Provincial Policy Statement. It is intended to provide for appropriate development while protecting resources of provincial interest, public health and safety, and the quality of the natural environment. However, as the Pembina Institute notes, "successive expressions of provincial land-use policies have granted aggregate extraction priority over virtually all other land uses." (p.15). The report goes on to note that the new Provincial Policy Statement further strengthens this direction.

For the long-term sustainability of Haliburton and Ontario, it is essential that new policies be developed that treat fairly all of the competing land use interests. There must be incentives to promote the efficient use, conservation and recycling of aggregate resources.

A few of the issues with the industry have been outlined herein. Not all gravel pit and quarry operations are problematic. There are responsible operators within the industry. However, the current aggregate regulations and laws are not comprehensive enough, nor are sufficient resources allocated for enforcement to guarantee the protection of our land and environment for future generations of Ontario residents.

Organizations such as Gravel Watch Ontario, The Pembina Institute, The Federation of Ontario Naturalists and other citizens' groups are involved in monitoring and studying the industry, and lobbying the government to develop and refine policies to protect the environment and promote responsible use of this non-renewable resource. Governments must listen to the issues and act to develop a new aggregate policy to sustain both the economy and our natural environment. As individuals, we must consider how our lifestyle is affecting the landscape around us.

If we exist we consume. With proper planning and a broad vision by citizens and all levels of government, development and prosperity will continue in Haliburton County and the natural beauty of the area will be preserved.

For more information, please visit Environment Haliburton! at www.environmenthaliburton.ca or Gravel Watch Ontario at: www.gravelwatch.org

Environment Haliburton! is a member of Gravel Watch Ontario and is presently working to obtain accurate background information on aggregate operations within the county with a view to providing well-informed advice to the governing authorities.

Irondale Church... Another piece of history on the block

By: Liz Danielsen - Reporter

George Simmons is a man on a mission to save a piece of Haliburton's history. Once part of the small but thriving mining and railroad community of Irondale, the St. John's Anglican Church has become one of the final vestiges of what many consider to be a bit of a ghost town. With a diminished congregation and ever increasing expenses, The Diocese of Toronto has decided to close its doors and the quaint clapboard church saw its last service in August.

Simmons, a former Snowdon Township Reeve, along with the members of the Irondale Historical Committee have decided they will not let the matter rest there. In hopes of saving the building and having it declared an official heritage site, Simmons approached the Minden Hills Council on August 25th seeking their aid.

The church was built in 1889 by mining entrepreneur Charles Pusey and donated to the community to celebrate life and offer the settlers a place for their weddings, christenings, funerals and a host of family and community gatherings for more than 120 years.

Simmons told the Council that he felt he had to take immediate action as the Church's Warden had been given permission to liquidate the building's contents. With the assistance of Bill Proctor, a Belleville lawyer and third generation Irondale landowner, Simmons said he had managed to protect the contents, at least for now. But he said, "If the pews and remaining contents are gone the building will only be a shell."

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CLERK'S NOTICE OF POSTING OF VOTERS LIST

The Municipal Election Act, 1996 as amended, Section 23.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Clerk for the Municipality of Highlands East has complied with Section 23 of the *Municipal Elections Act* 1996 as amended. There shall be available in the municipal office on the 1st day of September, 2010, the list of persons eligible to vote in the municipality at the municipal elections and the list shall remain there for inspection.

I hereby call upon all such electors to check the list and to take immediate proceedings to have any errors or omissions corrected according to law.

To assist us in ensuring that your Vote By Mail Kit is **mailed** to you during the week of September 27th, 2010, you are asked to confirm that your name and correct mailing address is on the list before **September 13th, 2010**.

Applications for additions, corrections and deletions to the list are available at the Municipal Office. Revisions of the list will be undertaken at the Municipal Office, 2249 Loop Street, Wilberforce, ON, K0L 3C0 during normal office hours; commencing Tuesday, September 7th, 2010 to Monday, October 25, 2010 or by mail by the applicant.

Voting Day is Monday, October 25, 2010

The Election will be conducted by "Vote By Mail". Electors who have a disability or an issue with **accessibility** will be provided with the best opportunity to vote as independently as possible.

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A person is entitled to be an elector at an election held in a local municipality if on voting day, he or she,

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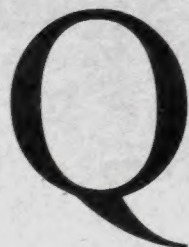
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ECO TRIVIA



Out of Ontario's eight (8) species of turtles, do you know how many are in Ontario's Species at Risk Act registry?

- a.) 7
- b.) 2
- c.) 5

See page 27 for Answer

Courtesy of Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council, <http://www.ontariostewardship.org/councils/haliburton/>, The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations, www.cohpoa.ca, and Environment Haliburton, www.environmenthaliburton.ca

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"I need immediate action," Simmons said, asking the Council to pass a resolution to take the building over as a heritage building.

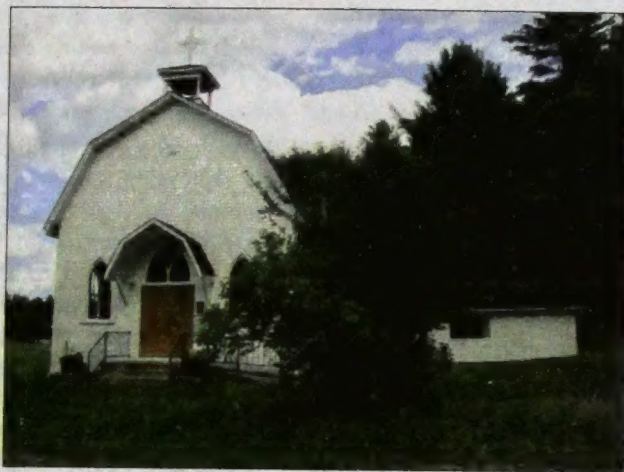
In an effort to encourage Council, Simmons talked about Keith Tallman as a leader in Highlands East who had been proactive in ensuring that the Essonville Church was protected as a heritage building, and for having the hindsight to protect the historic Red Cross Building in Wilberforce as well as the old IB&O rail bed.

According to Simmons the church was been appraised at \$50,000 by Realtor Andrew Hodgson, but he suggested that anywhere from \$1.00 to the \$50,000 appraised value would be the range within which the building could be acquired.

"We have applied to the Archaeological Society to have professionals look at the church because so much of it is original. If there is heritage in the County, it is that church. After St. Peter's it is the most photographed church in the County."

Simmons, who confirmed that he would have the consultant's report within a week validating whether or not it qualified as a heritage site, asked the Council to take the church over and make their decision quickly, or let him know if the Heritage Committee had to pursue other avenues.

Reeve Jim McMahon, who as well as Councillors Barb Reid and Rick Ratcliff had visited the site, said he had no question that the church was a heritage building and asked Simmons if the Bishop had indicated a willingness to turn the building over



Saint John's Anglican Church in Irondale

church was on could be severed from the rest of the property.

Simmons commented that it seemed ironic for a municipality searching for cemetery lands to ignore this opportunity, but there was little response from Council.

Simmons later confirmed that there had been no further progress in efforts to save the church since the Council meeting.

Acknowledging the Council's resolution to recognize the church as a heritage building and their willingness to keep informed on the Irondale Historical Committee's continuing discussions, Simmons voiced his

to the municipality. Simmons, however, could only respond that the Diocese was accepting offers.

"You are the local power, and have been voted in by the people," he said. "If you don't step up to the plate this will be a sad day."

But the Council overall was concerned with the prospect of having to spend \$50,000 of unbudgeted funds to purchase the building and its contents. Concern was also raised about whether or not the lot the

disappointment in their reluctance to take the lead in negotiating with the Diocese.

He said that the transfer of the Essonville Church in the late 1970's to the municipality had been a benchmark for him and spoke wistfully about the fund raising initiatives recently held by the Friends of the Twelve Mile Church who had raised \$4,000 towards a new roof and repairs to the historic little church on Twelve Mile Lake. He applauded the Friends' efforts but spoke of the importance of having the municipality involved.

"The municipality is passing the buck," he said, suggesting that they may have offered too little, too late.

Meanwhile, Rick Ratcliff offered to sit on the Irondale Historic Committee, and on a caution by Council that they did not want to offer any false expectations, agreed to participate as a private citizen but keep Council informed.

Irondale, initially called Devil's Creek, was known as a small but prosperous mining community. Unfortunately, iron deposits were eventually deemed to be 'far less lucrative than anticipated' and the mine closed in 1900.

While a very small community remains that is popular with cottagers, the thriving community with a number of hotels, boarding houses and stores is no more. St. John's Anglican Church continued to function until the Diocese's recent decision to close it down and put the property on the block. ■

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Trent-Severn Waterway appoints new chair to advisory council

■ By: Liz Danielsen - Reporter

"If they can park their specific issues at the door and represent the overall goals of the Council we will have accomplished something"

J. G. (Chuck) Richard's appointment to the Trent-Severn Water Management Advisory Council became official this summer and Richard says that he believes that, with the help of the Council's members, he is up to the task. And as Parks Canada seeks a more balanced approach to managing levels and flows of water throughout the Trent and Severn River watersheds, there is no doubt that the Council has a very real challenge before them.

The creation of the Advisory Council was a direct result of the federal government's announcement last fall of its official action plan for the future of the Trent-Severn Waterway in response to a comprehensive panel report entitled "It's All About the Water."

The Council's mandate is to provide expert and stakeholder advice to Parks Canada on how to best carry out its responsibilities for water management throughout the two watersheds to achieve an appropriate balance and meet its varied water management goals. The role of the members, whose participation is voluntary in nature and without compensation, is to seek collaborative and consensual recommendations rather than solely representing the organizations with which they are affiliated.

Richard brings extensive public and private sector experience to the table including working with the Ministry of Colleges and Universities and running a division of Philips

Electronics. He has had considerable experience chairing a variety of groups and government sub committees and has worked with a wide variety of small companies helping them get off the ground.

Richard says that he was initially approached by the Council's Interim Chair Ken Pipher to determine if he was interested in becoming involved and later by the TSW's Field Unit Superintendent before he agreed to accept the appointment.

Richard has owned a cottage for 25 years on one of the small reservoir lakes in Haliburton County. Just over eight years ago, Richard and his family moved from Toronto to Lakefield (where the community's water is drawn from the Otonabee River that flows through both Lakefield and Peterborough.)

"It's kind of a dual thing," he said. "I'm on the Otonabee River and some of the water flowing by my door there comes from the lake where I have my cottage and that truly gives me a unique and rounded perspective."

When it comes to the TSW, Parks Canada's complex goals include reducing threats to public safety and negative impacts to public and private infrastructure from flooding, extreme water level fluctuations and high volume flows, ensuring that availability of drinking water for residents throughout the watershed, providing for safe boating and navigation, protecting significant aquatic habitats and species, optimizing the enjoyment of water throughout the watersheds by shoreline residents and visitors and allowing hydroelectric generation plants to operate at capacity and meet demands for renewable energy to the greatest extent possible.

The Council will be responsible to review and propose amendments to these goals for water management, assist in developing and monitoring water management performance measures, providing expert advice on technical matters related to water management, facilitate working relationships between Parks Canada and other government agencies, ensuring that water management planning and operation occurs with a sound awareness of stakeholder issues and concerns and facilitating communications between Parks Canada water managers and stakeholder organizations and citizens. They are encouraged to foster a 'shared visioning' approach in carrying out these responsibilities.

Tasked with a very broad mandate, the Council's 11 members also represents a wide spectrum of interests in the TSW including the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow through Dr. Chris Riddle and the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association through Keith Hodgson, but it also includes specialists in environmental planning and water management and representatives from groups like the Voices of the Trent, the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron, the Kawartha Conservation Authority, the Severn River Association of Property Owners and Environment Canada.

When asked how strictly the Council will be expected to adhere to their mandate, Richard said that Parks Canada appears to be very open to discussing issues and there seems to be a lot of room for discussion about the Council's role.

Richard said that he hopes to get the members of the Council and those representing Parks Canada all to come to a joint understanding of what needs to be done to manage the water and water flow in the system. "If you look at our members, there are a lot of different interests and we have to come to some agreement on how we will work together."

Richard said that so far he has found the Council to be very open to 'good solid interaction and discussion' on all issues.

"If they can park their specific issues at the door and represent the overall goals of the Council we will have accomplished something right off the bat."

"At the same time I would like each member to give us a broad picture of what is going on in their area. I have a bit of information, but nothing compared to what each individual member's knowledge of their specific areas of concern."

As an example, Richard said, "Between Lake Ontario and Georgian Bay, there are 136 dams. Somehow the flow of water has to be managed in a way that satisfies everyone. If I found there wouldn't be sufficient drinking water I would be greatly concerned as well."

Richard said that drinking water is one of main priorities, but there are also people concerned with lower water levels and getting their boats out of the water or ensuring that the needs of canal traffic are met.

"The key is that all of the members of the Council are very open to expressing their concerns and their constituents concerns."

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Richard talked about the challenge that TSW personnel are facing when dealing with so many older dams. "There is a lot of leaking being encountered which becomes a very big issue when there isn't a lot of water. A lot of work has been done on the dams with infrastructure money, but that money is quickly drying up, creating further challenges."

Parks Canada has contracted AECOM Canada Ltd., a global leader in providing professional, technical and management support for a broad range of services including transportation, energy and water systems to study the Trent River Watershed all the way to Algonquin Park. (Within the watershed is the Gull River, Burnt River, Nogies Creek, Massasauga River, Eels Creek and Jack's Creek, Kawartha Lakes from Balsam to Katchewanooka in Lakefield, including Lake Scugog, Otonabee river, Rice Lake and the Trent river.)

The study, which is expected to be completed by March of 2011, was the main focus of the Council's meeting in June and will remain one of their key areas of focus.

To Richard, the very fact that there is a Council is a very positive step. "Now there are 11 people, separate from TSW personnel, who are gaining an understanding of and expressing their views about the TSW. A year ago, that was not the case."

"Everyone appears to be very positive and anxious to make a difference and I see nothing but good results for everyone concerned."

When asked about the limitations of two meetings a year, Richard said the number of meetings had been set as a minimum and that meetings would be organized as required. "We anticipate that in the early days of the Council there will need to be more than two meetings a year."

Richard sees that overall the Council's work will be a long process, but he hopes that the members' very real desire to be successful will make them so.

"As a new member, I find the entire process to be amazing. With eleven members and all of the things that have to be

taken into consideration; dams, locks, water issues and all the complexities that go with them, it becomes a very complex puzzle that will take some time to sort out and may even take more time than the Panel's report suggests."

In the interim, Richard says that new electronic monitoring capabilities on the waterway will provide much more updated information and additional automation will provide more access to up to date information.

"Communications have been identified as an issue, but the very fact that the Council has been created goes a long way to improving those communications. Parks Canada/TSW has committed to improving communications and the Council will be working with them and addressing how to make those improvements in future meetings."

And Richard stressed the fact that the goal was to see more communication rather than better communications. "Parks Canada has agreed that the more the public knows about specific issues and what is being done to manage specific problem, the greater their understanding and acceptance will be."

Richard agreed to meet with the Voice in a year's time to look at the progress of the Council. "That will provide an indication of the success of the group," he said, and there is no doubt that many Haliburtonian eyes and ears will be wide open in anticipation of their success. ■

Davis Lake cottagers raise \$3,900 for local children's' charity



Pat Wilson, Volunteer Board President of Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents (centre) accepts a cheque for \$3,955 from Davis Lake cottagers Bryan Baker and Andrea Matheson, hosts of the fund-raising concert.

■ By: Jerry Grozelle - Reporter

Members of the Davis Lake Cottagers' Association care about the local community. More than 100 Davis Lake cottagers attended a concert at the property of Bryan Baker, a long-time cottager on Davis Lake, and the result was \$3,955 raised for Haliburton County's Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents.

The concert, featuring rock band The Daggers, was held on August 14 at Baker's cottage on the south shore of Davis Lake. The event organizer and host said, "It was great to host so many of my fellow cottagers who were able to be part of the event and gave so charitably."

"Thank you so much to Bryan and Andrea [Matheson, Baker's partner] for their generosity for organizing and hosting such a great event," said Marg Cox, Executive Director of Point in Time, who attended the event. "Not only did the people really enjoy the music and the venue, but they really stepped up to support the children in Haliburton County."

Pat Wilson, volunteer Board President of Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents said, "I am thrilled that the Davis Lake Cottagers' Association has rallied to create such a generous contribution to the children of Haliburton County. "As Board President, let me assure you that these funds will truly make a difference in the lives of children here in Haliburton County. This year, our Summer Adventure Day Camp provided a day camp experience to almost 150 children throughout the county and over 65 children had access to the Minden After School Recreation Program."

The cheque was presented by Baker and Matheson to Ms Wilson Friday, September 3 at the site of the concert. ■

OPEN LETTER TO THE VOTERS OF MINDEN HILLS

Dear fellow community members:

The Vision Team has enjoyed meeting so many of you over the past several months. You have shared your concerns and given us many wonderful ideas to reflect on. In fact, your input has not only been inspirational but has formed the basis for our expanded campaign platform which you will be getting in the mail in the next couple of weeks.

The Vision Team came together because four individuals met and discovered they shared some common ground on the needs and opportunities for Minden Hills. We decided to campaign as a team because we felt that a group of four candidates had a much better chance of "being heard" than any one individual. It also meant we could pool our resources to reach out to you in a way that will get us heard. And it's working!

Minden Hills is really getting involved in this election. People are talking about the issues and the candidate choices. This is truly democracy in action.

Over the past 4 months, we have held 5 "meet and greet" gatherings in Minden and have attended 6 cottage association meetings. In addition, we have met hundreds of residents at home-based gatherings. Our interaction with you makes us more convinced than ever that the idea of Town Hall meetings has the potential to be a wonderful way to learn from the community. You have our commitment to continue these open and public meetings and believe that a more open and transparent municipal government that values input from the community will make for a better municipal government.

The Vision Team is focused on the future. We realize the initiatives we're talking about will take time to get off the ground and that competing priorities will need to be managed.

We're not content with hearing that "it's been tried before". Innovation and progress happens when people approach the future with a positive, "can-do" attitude.

We don't have all the answers, but we do have a group of four capable and hard-working individuals who are willing to bring all of their collective experience and energy to serve the people of Minden Hills.

We hope we have the opportunity to serve on your new Council.

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Colorado man gets creative in Haliburton



International student Wade Clement plays with one of the scrap metal creations he made in a summer program at the Haliburton School of the Arts.

■ By: Mark Arike - Reporter

A Boulder, Colorado man couldn't be happier with his decision to spend five weeks at the Haliburton School of the Arts.

"The offerings are pretty impressive," said Wade Clement, a 52-year-old tradesman who travelled to Haliburton on July 12 by car with only a few must-have items and his dog.

Clement stumbled upon Haliburton's premier art school through a simple Google search.

"I looked up blacksmithing programs and Haliburton was one of the first places that came up," said Clement.

With a degree in arts studies from the University of Maryland and past studies in several mediums, Clement didn't come to the area as a newbie in the arts. He did, however, journey to the area determined to improve upon his skills and learn a few new tricks.

"Painting has always terrified me," he said with a chuckle. "I have always avoided colour."

In addition to signing-up for the five-day blacksmithing workshop, Clement also took up brush painting, wire figure and iron sculpture classes.

This was Clement's first time in the Highlands, but not his first trip to Canada. He regularly vacations in British

Columbia, and he made a trip to Quebec for Expo 67.

While here, Clement explored some of the local arts attractions like the Haliburton Sculpture Forest and went to catch some of the summer's big performing arts events.

"I saw Sylvia [by the Highlands Summer Festival] and thought the direction of talent was really impressive. I also went to The Dusk Dances and thought that they were fun," he said.

Back in his own community, Clement says that getting basic funding for the arts is hard to do. So when he saw that Haliburton has "its own Rails End" [Gallery] he was impressed.

At the end of last month Clement spent his final day of classes at the college, and began the long journey home. Will he return? It's hard to tell what the future will bring, but he's already been looking into future opportunities for Haliburton.

"I've looked around at the possibility of buying a business," he explained, "but it would have to be something that isn't complicated, something that would give me an excuse to live in the country."

According to Fleming College's diversity coordinator Debbie Harrison, there aren't many full time international students at the Haliburton campus.

"I've seen five [full time international students] in the two years that I've worked for the college," said Harrison. "There are larger number of immigrant students from the GTA

(Greater Toronto Area) than international students." There were, however, some 26 part-time international students who attended the spring and summer sessions this year.

Harrison added that of the international applications, the artist blacksmith program is a very popular pick. Applications are also regularly received from all over the globe for the Visual and Creative Arts Diploma program (VCAD).

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Community input sought regarding recreation plan in Minden Hills



The S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Ball Diamond are among the facilities that will be re-examined in Rick Cox's Report



■ By: Jerry Grozelle - Reporter

The first of two Minden Hills community recreation facilities planning meetings was held at the Minden Community Centre on Monday, August 30 with about 15 people in attendance, many of those current council candidates.

Rick Cox, Minden Hills Director of Community Services/Recreation Manager said the objective of the meetings is to collect information regarding what the community needs and wants in terms of activities and facilities for the next 25 years. At the end of the process, Cox plans to present a report to the incoming council (after the October 25 municipal election) about what role the existing facilities could play, what other facilities may be required to accommodate some of the priorities that are identified and a projected capital and operating cost that can be expected over the next 25 years.

The Minden Community Centre was built almost 40 years ago a major renovation and expansion took place 20 years ago. Cox said it is important to initiate this process now since it's been another 20 years in the cycle, and the question is, "Where do we go from here?"

"This year we've been lucky enough to get some fairly significant infrastructure dollars to reinvest into the facility but we don't have the next step... with engineers' help we learned that the facility, particularly the ice, is in pretty good shape and with some work on the floor and the boards, we can easily get another 25 years out of the ice part of this facility," Cox said. He added that the community centre is also in good shape, so besides normal maintenance, for the community centre and arena complex.

Cox had already met with community service clubs, the Minden Curling Club, downtown businesses, and other individual community members, to see if there was community interest in developing a recreation plan. During those earlier meetings, Cox asked what the community's priorities were in regard to recreation within Minden Hills, particularly as they related to the Minden facilities.

"In the intervening time, there's been a fair amount of discussion around some of the outlying properties and facilities, and what potential they may have in the overall plan," he said. As far as expected growth in the community, Cox said there are no major housing projects that he knows of on the immediate horizon, but he believes the number of seasonal residents moving to the area full time is increasing — however, population growth from 2001 to 2006 saw only about 200 people moving to Minden Hills.

Cox also said more than half of the people who live in Minden Hills are 50 years old or older. That hasn't changed much since 2001, he noted. In 2001, 84 per cent were 15 and older and now 87 per cent are 15 and up. "So, we're losing the bottom end of our demographics," Cox said. The median age of the population has gone from 47 in 2001 to 50 in 2006. Cox said that trend is continuing in the

same direction.

has virtually none and Snowdon has only a very small percentage compared to Minden.

Cox said that when new facilities are designed, the first thing the designers ask is what the facility is going to be used for.

"First you determine what people want to do in your community and then you design, rearrange, modify or alter current facilities to accommodate those preferences and priorities," Cox said.

Barb Reid, Minden Hills councillor and current candidate for reeve, was in attendance at the meeting. She said the Haliburton County Development Corporation had completed a survey about future property use in Haliburton County, which may help in developing the recreation plan.

A telephone survey was also conducted by a research group in 2008 and Cox said he believes the information collected remains relevant now. That survey was focussed on physical activities, and most residents reported they participated in activities based on ease of accessibility. Cox said respondents' first instinct was to go for a walk or ride a bike rather than go to a gym, however, there was some interest in structured programs such as pool and fitness programs.

Current uses of the facilities in Minden, from ice time booked by minor hockey and figure skaters to use of the community centre by service clubs and events such as wedding receptions and the annual Ducks Unlimited Canada dinners were outlined. Cox noted that the community

centre is usually booked every Saturday night from September to December.

The people at the meeting formed small groups of three or four people to discuss priorities and suggestions, and Cox asked them to think about what activities they would like to see that are not currently being offered in Minden Hills. A common theme was a desire to have a pool and recreation centre in Minden Hills. It was suggested that a small increase in property taxes could fund such a facility. Concerns ranged from transportation from outlying areas to rental costs for small community groups, and a request was put in for a publicized calendar on the township website, and increased recognition of the popularity of soccer.

Other suggestions included further development of the Rail Trail, placing ads in local papers for scheduled activities, and the formation of a recreation committee, with representation from several groups, to help determine the needs of the community in terms of activities offered and how current facilities could be put to better use.

It was noted that the Minden Wild Water Preserve will be used during the 2015 Pan/AM games and that government funding may be available to construct facilities nearby that could be used for other purposes once the games are over.

Suggestions on what the attendees would like to see provided in terms of activities and additional facilities or enhancement of current facilities were included in questionnaires. The questionnaires will be analyzed and summarized, along with information and suggestions from future meetings to help in the development of a plan for the next 25 years.

Another meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on September 13 at the Minden Community Centre, and information from these two meetings will be compiled and the findings presented at future meetings during the planning process. ■



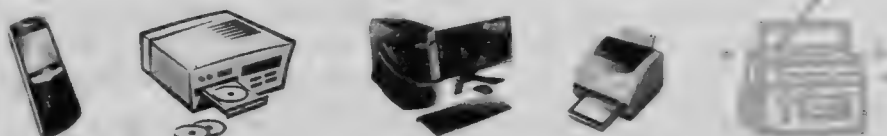
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■ By: Lyn Winans - Photojournalist

The hottest topic of conversation at the Kinmount Fair this weekend was not the entertainment, the horse shows or the midway, the buzz was all about the weather.

Past fair president, June Phillips called it the, "craziest weather I can remember", and quickly added, "but more people are smiling than not".

And smiling they were, while brandishing umbrellas and sporting a variety of rain gear and winter garb.

The grandstand was packed Saturday for Juno and country music awards winning performers George Fox and Ronnie and Glory-Anne Prophet, enthusiastic fans enjoyed the show along with a respite from the rain. The cool weather and intermittent precipitation didn't discourage the kids from cruising the midway either. Parka clad youngsters appeared no worse for wear as long as mom or dad had a mittful of ride tickets to distribute.

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Lack of audience participation a concern at Minden Hills all candidates meeting



Left to right, are Brigitte Gall, Abbey Xerri, Lisa Schell, Jean Neville and Barb Reid.



Left to right, Ken Redpath, Larry Clarke, Craig Birchall, Ed Litwin and Richard Bradley.

■ By: Jerry Grozelle - Reporter

Some of the audience members at the all candidates meeting Saturday at Archie Stouffer Elementary School were miffed that they weren't allowed to pose any questions to the candidates. Former reeve of the municipality Jeanne Anthon was one of them. "I was absolutely amazed that segment wasn't being provided," she said. "It's unheard of as far as I'm concerned. What do they expect the audience to get out of a meeting that's so pre-programmed. I was shocked and I don't know who prepared the questions. That's another one to ponder. It just sets too much of a pre-programmed stage for my liking."

Another observation Anthon made was about holding the meeting on the last long weekend of the summer. "I can understand why they had it on the long weekend, but looking at the crowd I'm not sure cottagers really took advantage of it," she said.

She said she's sure the intent was to have it at a time when cottagers could take advantage and learn about the candidates for whom they would be voting. But it didn't appear that the goal was achieved.

Anthon estimated the attendance at about 100 people. "But I didn't think it was a good cross section of the municipality," she said.

There weren't a lot of local people in the audience, in her estimation. "We need everyone out to start getting a feel for their candidates," Anthon said. "I'm looking forward to the next all candidates meeting."

Rob Cummins of the Gull Lake Cottagers' Association was one of the organizers and Sean Chamberlain acted as MC for the event. Chamberlain outlined the format. He said the candidates would be given the opportunity to introduce themselves before the prepared questions would be asked.

"Many of you know some of the candidates but I'm sure there's some that you may not know, so this is an opportunity to find out who they are and

what they're all about," Chamberlain said.

Each of the 10 candidates who attended (Reeve Jim McMahon and Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch were unable to attend) were given a couple of minutes to introduce themselves and give brief summary of their platform. When all 10 candidates had finished their intros, Chamberlain posed the questions, which were provided by cottage association members.

"I've already instructed the candidates that they don't need to feel obliged to sound in on any particular question," Chamberlain said.

Four prepared questions were asked and candidates were given the opportunity to respond.

The first question the candidates were asked was: What do you think are the township's priorities over the next four years and what or how are your skill sets suited to achieving those priorities?

Question two: Minden Hills is shared by both lake and non-lake residents – a mix of seasonal and full-time residents with varying priorities and interests. When waterfront property owners contribute significantly to the tax burden, due in part to the market value assessments, how do you propose meeting the needs of divergent, sometimes conflicting interests?

Question three: Assuming

that the pace of Minden's population growth continues, both local and lake resident, it is likely that various strains will be placed on the township specific to waste management and landfill. Please comment on the solutions fitting the issue. Since population increases also often result in increases in petty crime, candidates were asked what they would do if elected to foster the highest level of safety and security for all residents, both town and lake, to ensure Minden remains competitive with other towns?

Question four: What commitments are you prepared to make to ensure that public input is permitted, solicited and duly represented?

In spite of the complexity of some of the questions, they all provided clear and concise responses, giving the audience some insight into the particular stance of each candidate and the opportunity to gain some knowledge of the skills each candidate might bring to the table if they are elected. ■

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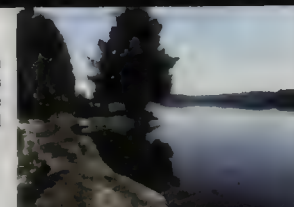


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Bat Lake - \$599,000

This 1.65 acres parcel offers 590 feet of shoreline. The open concept 2 bdrm cottage with the covered porch and upgrades is in move in condition. There are 2 sleeping cabins for the overflow. The double garage provides loads of storage. Call to view this property.



Gull Lake - \$369,000

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Hall's Lake - \$349,900

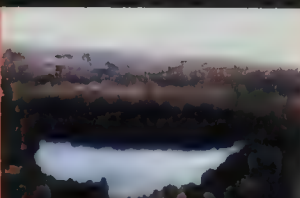
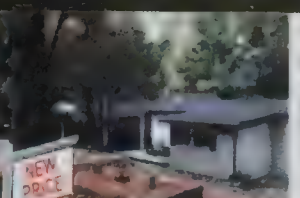
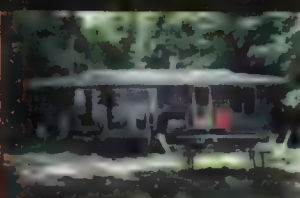
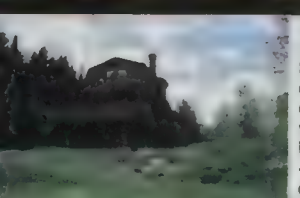
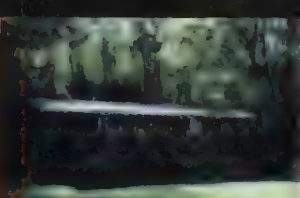
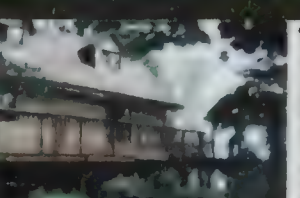
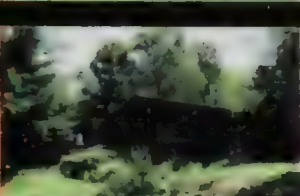
Well built cottage or home with an exceptional view of Hall's Lake. This home was built in 1947 and was well known on the lake as Cummins Cottages. Features include four bedrooms, a full basement (which includes a cold room) and an attached garage for additional storage. The lot has a park like setting and a great flat beach area across the road. There are also two cabins to the rear of the property that need some tender loving care.



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 Melanie Vigrass Minden Office 286-2911 ext. 40	 Minden Lot - \$24,900 This lot is conveniently located in town within walking distance to all amenities. Boat access to Gull River is a block away. Call for more information \$24,900.	 Confederation Log Home - \$259,000 With several upgrades over the last few years, you can move in and enjoy this 3 bdrm/2 bath home, which features, a sunroom, large deck, woodstove in addition to the furnace, a walk-out basement, a detached dbl. car garage and walking distance to Kushog Lake access! Call now. \$259,000.
 Peter Brady Haliburton Office 457-1011 ext. 234	 Private 208 Acre Estate - \$1,900,000 The Ultimate Privacy of your own lovely custom built cape cod home with wraparound porch overlooking this Peaceful 4500ft pristine waterfront, miles of trails, wildlife, stocked fishing and privacy, privacy, privacy. Now only \$1,900,000.	 New Price - \$439,000 Make sure to see this Beautiful 4 Bedroom 4 Season Home on this big 5 lake chain. There is no other this fine with artist's own touches to this complete renovation. Call Peter Today for a full tour and plan to stay! Now Only \$439,000
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 Terry Carr Haliburton Office 457-1011 ext. 236	 Home OR Cottage - \$225,000 This 4 season home or cottage is perfectly located to give you a view of beautiful Kushog Lake! This bright 3 bedroom, 2 bath home offers a large kitchen/dining area and great living room with oak cabinetry, pot lights, and a front porch for hours of relaxation. Located on 2.13 acres, partially wooded, with tons of privacy.	 Two Properties For One Price - \$699,000 Room for the whole family! Cozy and bright cottage or home with huge deck overlooking a spectacular lake view. Combination waterfront with two separate dock areas as well as a lakefront entertainment deck. A large, low maintenance well treed lot with dramatic rock faces and perennial gardens. A double detached garage, heated and insulated includes a fully appointed and independently serviced, 2 bedroom guesthouse backing on hardwood bush with trails throughout. A granite patio with fire pit completes the landscaping. THE PLUS - a separately deeded waterfront lot with clearing, driveway and acreage! Great value
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 Vince* Duchene Haliburton Office 457-1011 ext. 225	 Elephant Lake Rd - \$173,950 Looking for great value in a home? Look no further, this very private 2 storey home located in Harcourt 25 minutes from Haliburton Village has large living room, formal dining room, upgraded kitchen, 2 baths, office, family room, rec room and 3 bedrooms as well as a full basement. New high efficiency propane furnace as well as a barn AND detached garage finish it off. Asking only \$173,950	 Spruce Lake - \$424,900 Conveniently located just 5 minutes from Haliburton Village, this 3 bedroom cedar panabode log cottage has charm written all over it. Very cozy and warm, lots of wood inside, level lot, sand beach and a 2 lake chain, Spruce Lake and Drag Lake Call today to view. Asking \$429,900
 Rick Forget***, Iona Fevreau, Mary Hamden and Steve Pogue Wilberforce Office 448-2222	 Farquhar Lake - \$329,900 Check out this 3 bedroom Viceroy Style Cottage, privately located on Farquhar Lake with a deep rocky shoreline perfect for swimming enthusiasts. This lot offers a gentle slope from the back of the property, right down to the water's edge, making it easily accessible for all ages. Year round municipal access and a newer wood airtight allows multi season use. Looking for the perfect place with privacy on a great lake....look no further!	 Wilberforce - \$154,900 3 bedroom home with attached double garage, modern kitchen, flooring consists of broadloom, ceramic tile and laminate. Patio doors lead to spacious double deck. Beautiful level landscaped lot at end of quiet side road. Close to all amenities. Unfinished basement with high ceilings if someone wanted to finish a nice sized family room there. New seamless eaves trough installed in Sept. of 2009. New double deck built in Sept. of 2009 and the home is finished off with easy maintenance vinyl siding.


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Globe's Duhatschek runs Kash Dash and talks hockey

■ By: Terrance Gavan - Voice Sports

Had an opportunity to chat with Globe and Mail hockey writer Eric Duhatschek a couple weeks back at the Kash Dash for Africa 10 K run.

Duhatschek, a Calgary native, was there running and relaxing with some members of his family after spending a full working week at the hockey summit in Toronto.

I saw the name, spotted him at dinner and introduced myself.

I noted in passing that I was feeding my Globe Sports habit via my Kindle e-reader these days.

We had a nice chat about on-line resources and where the newspaper industry was headed.

Duhatschek chuckled as he contemplated the future.

"I've got ten years left until retirement ... I'm hoping the Globe will still be around," chuckled Duhatschek.

The chance meeting at the Kash Dash awards ceremony was a little serendipitous, because, as I told Eric at the time, I was planning to write a column based on his insightful article penned at the end of that week-long Hockey Summit in late August.

It's a pretty comprehensive wiggle spanning the ongoing debate about declining enrolment in Canadian youth hockey entitled "Nurturing hockey's roots."

"Volunteer coaches and administrators remain the backbone of

minor hockey, and they cycle in and out, depending upon the age of their children," wrote Duhatschek in his Globe piece (Aug 27-8). "So on Tuesday morning (Aug-24), when a series of speakers asserted that hockey for kids was supposed to be fun; it was a useful reminder - even if the sentiment had been heard before. (Remember, that message was delivered to an entirely different set of ears this time around, given how most of those who heard it in 1999 had moved on, after their children completed their minor-hockey experiences.)"

The observation takes us to some fine lines drawn in the sand vis-à-vis the elite versus house-league dichotomy.

Indeed, a recent article in the Toronto Star notes a chilling decline in participation at all levels in the Scarborough Hockey Association, a minor hockey league that at one point in its illustrious 54-year-old tenure flourished as the poster child of the Canadian minor hockey paradigm.

"In the glory days the SHA had 14,000 players and was the breeding ground for NHL players Adam Graves, Gary Leeman, Brad Park, John Anderson and Steve Payne," writes Lois Kalchman. "The SHA currently has 600 youngsters registered in its house league ... which begins on Oct 1."

The SHA finally gave in and became the 50th club in the greater Toronto Hockey League.

Big decline. Big move.

Enough to make the Hockey Summit panel question the direction and raison d'être of Canadian minor hockey in this new millennium, when the trending shows that the hybrid vigor, once a backbone of Canadian hockey is steering toward less onerous (expensive) participation in soccer, track and basketball.

"People forget sometimes that the vast majority of hockey is played anonymously, at the grassroots level, in arenas, backyards and driveways around the world," says Duhatschek. "Player development at the elite levels seems well in hand, based on the caliber of play at the professional level, and how quickly the new generation of players that entered the NHL post-lockout made their respective marks."

"Of greater concern is what to do with everybody else - the ones who aren't looking at making hockey as a career, that see it as a recreational pastime that can be too expensive for some and too dangerous for others."

Concussions and costs.

Conclusion?

"The answer may lie in expanding the non-contact stream," writes Duhatschek. "Something both Canadian Hockey League president Dave Branch and Hockey Canada president Bob Nicholson touched on in their closing remarks."

Some pondering points as we wheel into another season.

Read Gavan and his Voice articles at his website pardontheurruption.com. Contact Gavan: gav@pardontheurruption.com. ■

Bassmania ...from page 1

And sometimes - like last Saturday - the odds, and all that tenderly compiled technology are no match for the fish.

That finicky, frosted fishing adage took a beating last weekend (Sept 3-5) at the Bassmania three-day Championship Challenge held in Haliburton and the five-lake chain.

You know the old riff.

"A bad day of fishing is better than a good day of work."

Which begs the question: What if your bad day of fishing is also your job?

Hmm.

Ever fished for bass on Lake Kashagawigamog?

On a sunny day it's a grind. Bass are sneaky, smart, and seldom seen.

When the wind is up and rain is blowin' sideways, waves are crunching the hull, and the temperature is hovering at 5 to 7 Celsius, well, bass-fishing suddenly devolves to war of wills; battle of wits; search for patience.

And that's exactly what the pro-bass anglers faced last Saturday. An important day in the Bassmania tournament, because on Saturday the 90 or so boats would be pared - by combined bagged weight from Friday and Saturday - to twenty finalists competing for the top prize worth \$40,000. Total prize money in the Bassmania Championship Series event last weekend topped \$128,000.

Here's what happened on Saturday.

The top two boats from Friday's weigh-in did not bag fish one on Saturday. That's 7 am to 3:30 pm folks.

Not. One. Bass.

That's some tough fishin' baby.

But none of the competitors who qualified for the final Sunday were discouraged.

Many of those top 20 teams talked about their positive experiences fishing here in the Highlands.

Nearly all were super stoked, and especially humbled by the verdant hospitality shown by the people in this neck of the Highlands; the businesses, the coffee shop - especially the coffee shop, which opened early at 5:30 am to accommodate the bombardment of anglers - and all of the boaters who gave them right of way for three full days.

"This is a great venue for a tournament," said eventual tourney winner Mike Reid, who along with partner Wes Foster captured the tournament with an astounding 18.3 pound bag total on the final day.

That parlay was solid enough to crumple the opposition.

"We had to grind it out, all three days but that's fishing," said Foster.

The pair allowed that they had caught almost all of their fish on Lake Kashagawigamog.

Or as Foster likes to call it: "Lake Kashawig ... igga ... thing ... how's that again?"

I told him that it took me two years before I was able to pronounce it.

The pair is planning a return here next year, so they have 11 months or so to chin up on those baffling names. They'll also be looking for ways to work on that \$40,000 worth of cash and prizes.

After the awards ceremony Foster and Reid had some time to reflect.

"It was great we had some ups and downs," said Reid. "The first day was good and the second day we struggled and today we got on 'em. We fished mainly the big lake. The difference was today they

came up and yesterday (Saturday) they didn't."

The two have been fishing together for 10 years, but this is their biggest win, both monetarily and in terms of the scale of the event.

"Very satisfying, this win," said Foster. "We're fishing against the best of the best and to come out on top. That's special."

The conditions played a huge factor," said Reid. "The rain was coming in sideways and it was just hard to keep the boat on your fish."

Other than that, both Reid and Foster were blown away by the Highlands' hospitality.

"The girls at the coffee shop; the volunteers at the boat launch; everyone involved were super," Reid said.

But it was another poignant moment that stuck with the winning pair.

"Actually a woman who saw us fishing near her dock waved at us every day," chuckled Foster. "She came to the weigh-in today especially to congratulate us. She said she had a feeling that we were going to win because she watched us pull a couple of fish out of the water. She came by and said hi and congratulations to us just now. The locals were just phenomenal."

Good on ya' Haliburton anglers.

The real uplifting news is that all those fish are already back in the fishery here. Catch and release rules and live wells ensure that most (about 90 percent) of the bass caught are back swimming.

Water Logs: Haliburton's Chris Coumbs and Scott Bird retired before the event began, bowing to a groundswell of vocal opposition from visiting pros who were concerned about local angler's insider info etc. - the ad hoc protests also affected local entrants Tom Neville and Dave Johnson.

Both those teams, who had qualified 9 (Neville) and 21 (Coumbs) in the pre-race qualification sheets took the high road and withdrew their boats from the competition.

Many thanks have to go out to Pat Kennedy who in spite of protestations to the contrary was a mover and a shaker in the acquisition of this event for the Highlands. He was also one of the more prominent of the volunteers on hand. Thanks to Pat and a whole passel of local volunteers. ■

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Bassmania windfall likely to surpass expectations

■By: Terrance Gavan - Voice Sports

To all politicians and local bureaucrats lookin' for ways to stimulate a moribund economy here in cottage country.

And to all aspiring candidates wedging for a spot on your local council come November.

Remember Bassmania.

Lock it. Load it.

Just remember the name, and file it in your noggin, or in a notebook, netbook, or laptop. Somewhere.

The Bassmania Championship, a three day pro bass tournament wrapped up on Sunday in Head Lake Park.

Over 170 anglers, 93 boats and a net-full of devoted fans arrived last Thursday and stayed for the duration of the three day Bassmania Championship held last weekend (Sept 3-5).

Money was spent.

The town was humming.

Okay, so it was Labour Day weekend, so don't kvetch; and humour me.

Excitement generated as two gritty competitors, Wes Foster and Mike Reid pulled out a last day haul of 18.6 pounds from the stubborn maw of Lake Kashagawigamog.

The final day record-setting catch (they also won prizes for biggest smallmouth and biggest largemouth on Sunday) popped them past their closest rivals Scott Burns and Jay McDonald who finished with a total of 35.5 pounds just over four pounds back of Foster and Reid's bag of 39.85.

Bassmania caused a little gridlock, posed some problems vis-à-vis boat traffic on the five-lake chain, but overall contributed a fistful of dollars into our local economy.

It's the type of event that we should be welcoming here in the county.

Why?

Too often we neglect the obvious.

To wit: we have a pretty nice fishery here in the Highlands; and we should be pumping that gushing, burgeoning well like a Texas oilman on HGH.

And I realize that as a liberal tree-hugging environmentalist I should probably be wary of the excitement generated in my boyish noodle by the sight of 90 boats powered by 150 to 250 HP Yamahas and Mercs.

Thing is, we spend the summer watching similar boats tugging delighted kids on tubes, skis and wakeboards, so we'll leave the philosophical and esoteric dilly dally for another soap box.

I'm on board with this event and I hope we get more chances to promote our diamond in the rough.

Pat Kennedy (who's day job is Director of Haliburton's Emergency Services), is a local angler with a pretty discerning eye.

He says that four years ago he began trolling, looking into the possibility of hosting some big-time fishing tournaments.

Haliburton hosted two events this summer.

A successful one-day event on July 1.

And last week, in a coup of huge proportion, the Highlands and Head Lake Park played host to the three-day Bassmania Championship.

According to Kennedy, who by the way eschews the limelight with a passion, the event went off smooth as light test sliding through slippery Shimano reel.

His official title was Ramp Master, but he was also involved in the original ground-floor commiserations several years hence. And he was thanked profusely and on numerous occasions by the Bassmania emcee and a number of competing anglers.

"I did some pretty hard lobbying, some years back," chuckles Kennedy over the phone last Monday.

"But credit where credit is due," says Kennedy.

"Murray Fearrey and the staff at Dysart were phenomenal," says Kennedy. "Brian Nicholson and Tammy McKelvey, (Dysart Roads manager and CAO) were a great help as well, and we received lots of help from both Dysart and the community."

He says that with \$128,000 (Reid and Foster took home \$40,000 in cash and gifts) on the line, all of the anglers involved came in with some concerns over the size of the lakes. But concerns were quelled by Sunday.

"The guys I talked to were all very positive," says Kennedy.

Kennedy says that he hopes to convince the tour to come back next year for a one day and a two-day event. ■



Minden guide Rocky Crawford placed fourth overall in the Bassmania tournament, and allowed that it was a great honor to compete against some of the finest pro bass anglers in Canada



Tournament winners Wes Foster and Mike Reid hold up two of the fish that won them the \$40,000 first prize last Sunday.



Who is this masked man? Hard to tell if it's a Mexican wrestler or one of the 20 Sunday finalists competing in the Bassmania challenge. Just another bad-bass-bobber playing to the crowd at the final weigh-in on Sunday.

Correction:

Apologies to Kash Dash participant Drew Paul. In an article published last week I missed a key on my netbook and had our intrepid young HHSS athlete finishing his 10 K in 59.30. Of course it should have been 49.30. He won the bronze in the 19-U category and placed 14th overall. And to add insult to injury, I had Paul listed as a triple threat Red Hawk, neglecting to mention that Drew is also a pretty talented football player. Quadruple threat? I think I owe him a pizza. TG ■

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Open Letter to Jim McMahon

Dear Jim, you have done an excellent job in your open letter to the citizens of Minden Hills. There has been a lot accomplished by Minden Hills Town Council over the years and much more to come. I am running for Council in Ward 1 because I want to continue building this community. I am very impressed by the work of the Treasurer and Auditors and see these roles as essential to the transparency and accountability of the Council in the administration of its duties. My compliments to the work well done by the treasurer is documented the May 10, 2010 article about the Minden Hills Water System in the County Voice.



Abby Xerri

I wish to be clear that I am fully in support of Minden's water tower and the benefits it will bring Minden and surrounding are; but what I have difficulty with is the lack of information provided to the public and the way in which the project has been managed. You, the CAO and I have previously discussed my concerns about the mismanagement of the process surrounding the decisions about the water tower and the increase of approximately \$1,000,000 in taxes to be absorbed by the Community. I too believe the taxpayers deserve the truth about how our council operates. I am looking for facts on the following important questions in writing and in person.

I am also inviting you and our CAO, Mr. Morrison to an open discussion with the public and the media on municipal affairs. I wish to discuss my view that there has been mismanagement on certain decisions made by council and the cost of those decisions to the taxpayers of Minden Hills.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

QUESTION: Since your open letter was signed as the Reeve of Minden Hills and addressed municipal matters, was your "Open Letter to the Voters of Minden Hills" reviewed and approved by the full Council?

QUESTION: What specifically are the promises being made by other candidates that are "too good to be true"? What specifically are the "doom and gloom" statements that have been made?

QUESTION: Is Minden Hills Town Council accountable for tax increases that result from discretionary decisions? Did any other level of government participate in the water tower decision?

QUESTION: Why is it so difficult to get information from the Township on things that are in the public record? Why was I told I would have to go through the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) process to get a copy of the draft 2010 Minden Hills budget? And why, when I requested the FIPPA form did only a 'summarized version' (3 pages) become publicly available?

QUESTION: Have you ever been in violation of the Municipal Elections By-Law passed by Minden Hills and County Council and or violation of using municipal property to promote your election campaign when this is against the rules? Why?

QUESTIONS SPECIFIC TO THE MISMANAGEMENT OF THE WATERTOWER PROJECT

QUESTION: Why won't you agree to a videotaped discussion about mismanagement on the watertower?

QUESTION: Why did our Environmental and Property Services Manager Peter Brown insist for many months that the decision to move the water tower was due to soils and setbacks? Is it not true that municipal projects are exempt from municipal setbacks? And does the EA report not clearly indicate that the 'initial site' is the geo-technically preferred site.

QUESTION: Why did it take more than a year (and numerous requests for clarity) for the Township to reveal that DM Wills engineering firm working on the townships behalf "had missed some of the exclusions to the pricing submitted"? You noted this oversight by the consultant as the reason why the water tower was 1 million dollars over budget. If so, why isn't the engineering firm assuming the liability for the changes instead of the taxpayers?

QUESTION: What was the full agreement between the previous landowner of the water tower site and Minden Hills that needed to be completed before the land transfer commenced and/or was completed? Were the total costs to fulfil this agreement and the land transfer: below, at or above the market value of this land?

QUESTION: Will Town Council make public on its website all information about the water tower, not classified as confidential, including, but not limited to, the Request for Part II Challenge to the original Environmental Assessment report and the Ministry of the Environment's recommendations?

QUESTION: Why were the recommendations of the Minister of the Environment (provided to you through the CAO, Gerry Morrison) to continue with negotiations on compensation of those affected by the water tower not followed? It is concerning to know that a Minister's recommendations will go ignored.

QUESTION: When are you willing to meet with me to discuss these issues in a public forum with the media?

Facts do not always describe an entire picture. If there were full transparency and accountability by Minden Hills Town Council then these questions would not need to be asked. Until these questions are answered, voters will have to resort to processes such as the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act when in fact this information should be readily available from Minden Hills Town Council, our duly elected representatives. It needs to be remembered that Council speaks on behalf of the electorate and, as such, it is their responsibility to operate openly and honestly.

I am proud to be running for Council in Ward 1 and look forward to working with the successful candidates in this year's election. We have a wonderful town with great prospects for development in the future. I am committed to investing my energy, passion and drive to making us the best we can be. I encourage everyone to cast their ballot on October 25, 2010. Let's make this election count!

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\$184,500 for Sir Sams lift

■ By: Mark Arike - Reporter

Funding announcement days are always happy occasions for people like Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Rick Johnson.

And this past Saturday was no different.

On a windy, wet afternoon, Johnson and his wife Terri journeyed to Sir Sam's Ski & Summer Resort in Eagle Lake to announce an \$184,500 investment from the province's Eastern Ontario Economic Development Fund (EODF).

"The province is contributing this money for property and equipment enhancements required for the resort's expansion," Johnson said.

Injecting \$80 million into Ontario's businesses over four years, the EODF is covering 15 per cent of the costs of the approximately \$1.2 million project.

The purpose of the fund is to create new jobs, and invest in new technologies, equipment or skills training for workers.

Major changes to the resort – geared towards making it an ideal four season's destination – include biking trails, an expanded chalet with space for 100 new lockers, an added sundeck and a unique lift imported straight out of Italy.

The new Plexiglas covered lift, valued at \$850,000 is the first of its kind in North America. Designed to give skiers, snowboarders and bicyclists a comfortable ride uphill, the lift will be in two stages – one being 450-feet in length and the other at 650-feet. It will be able to transport people at a rate of 2,000 per hour. It is expected that the lift, cover and all, will be fully set-up in November.

The resort began transforming into an all-season destination last summer when it started offering downhill and cross country mountain biking with lift access.

Owned by the Bishop family for the past 45 years, Sir Sam's is currently staffed by 30 employees. With the recent funding, 10 more employees are expected to be hired.

Johnson, pointing out that Sir Sam's is one of the largest employers in the county, said that the investment is a sensible one.

"It makes sense, economically, to invest in successful businesses," Johnson said.

Chris Bishop, one of the resort's owners, said the funds will be of tremendous assistance to the expansion plan.

"It's money that we would have otherwise needed to raise on our own," Bishop said. "This shows that what we're doing is important and it legitimizes the business."

Johnson is encouraging businesses in his riding to consider applying for funds that are available through the EODF.

"It's really a great program," he said, estimating that only \$24 million of what's available has been allocated so far.

To find out if you're business might be eligible for funding Google Eastern Ontario Development Fund and go to the OMAFRA link. ■



Sir Sam's Chris Bishop with MPP Rick Johnson, and his wife Terri standing beside the new lift installed at the Eagle Lake Ski Hill.

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Guats logs rock and steel - extreme dream realized by Van Dorp

■ By: Terrance Gavan - Voice Sports

Mark Tarnopolsky was waiting at the finish line as his wife and daughter crossed over from course to grass.

Jackie Bourgeois and Milla Tarnopolsky looked spent as they finished their Frost Centre challenge course - part of a twin bill extreme racing event held at the Frost Centre (the ambivalent anachronism) near Dorset last Saturday (Sept 4).

The third annual Guats Logs Rocks and Steel participants chose from two racing venues: The Frost Course, encompassing a 4k paddle, 15k mountain bike, and 5k trail run; and the Championship Course, a grueling slug with a 16k trail run, 14k paddle, and 50k mountain bike. (There is also a kid's race portion.)

Dad Mark was dressed in a comfy wind suit and looked remarkably composed and refreshed, considering he was a competitor in the Championship event.

His fresh appearance and the smile belied the harrowing brush with disaster that drew a climactic close to his own race day.

It was a day beset by low temperatures, gusty winds, and slick, slidey bike trails.

Tarnopolsky and most of the other competitors allowed that the wind did its worst damage on the water.

That's where Tarnopolsky's day ended quite abruptly when he suddenly encountered a vicious leg cramp in his kayak. Had one? Well, you'll know that there's no room for stretching in a kayak and you'll also know that the pain is excruciating.

Situation suddenly serious.

The kayak went over, and Tarnopolsky ended up in the lake, cold, still cramping and trying to lug a submerged and waterlogged kayak toward an island.

He made land, and after two failed attempts to swim off the island, both times feeling the cramps returning, he decided to let race officials do their work.

It took three hours, but a boater finally spotted Tarnopolsky on the island and brought him in, still cramping, and now experiencing some of the first pangs of hypothermia.

How was it?

"Well, I wiped out in my kayak; it was cold; and I was stuck on an island for three hours," smiles Tarnopolsky.

Nuff said. Reporter may now nod sagely, and continue asking stupid questions.

He said that race officials took great care to ensure that he was fine when he arrived back at the Frost Centre base camp.

It was that kind of day on the water.



How wet was it? Well, the mud splatters decorating Guats Logs Rocks and Steel competitor Peter Dobos (above #13) tell you all you need to know about the race.

record for solo male - set by Andrew Cameron in 2008 - with a vivid vivisection and record time of 5hr-29 min.

This year again, Van Dorp finished virtually unchallenged, utilizing a strategy that has worked out pretty well for him since taking on these challenges.

"The course this year was a little bit different, but comparable in difficulty," says Van Dorp, who like last year will be using his first prize - an automatic entry to the world multi-sport challenge in New Zealand - to cross some time zones and head to NZ in February, 2011.

"My strategy is to just go like heck," smiles Van Dorp. "My strongest events are the run and the paddle, so I just try to build the biggest lead I can and then

Several competitors on the Championship course got lost on the water failing to negotiate the final turn into the Frost Centre on Lake St. Nora Lake.

Two late comers in a canoe arrived in the afternoon after going 10 or so kilometers past the turnoff. "We lost our bearings and missed the turn," said two eager paddlers, who made a decision to head to their bikes and the 50K final leg despite the setback. Several other paddlers who lost their bearings decided to call it a day.

One guy who wasn't showing any telltale signs of fatigue was repeating Guats Logs Rocks and Steel (LRS) champion Jakob Van Dorp, a Wiarton native who comes to the sport after an enduro-epiphany back in 2008-09. A group of friends convinced him that he might actually have the cohunes, juke and jive necessary to pop the cork on this sport.

Last year in the Highlands Van Dorp, a 26-year-old churning chameleon, crushed the 7.5 hour

hang on in the bike leg. This year it seemed to work."

Van Dorp finished in 5:30, just a minute over his record-setting 2009 mark. However he was chased all the way by second place finisher Bernard Letorneau who finished just four minutes back in 5:34.

Kristen Tamburrino was first in the women's Championship race clocking in at 7:05.

Michele Molita placed first on the women's solo Frost course finishing in 2:32:50. Steve Lowrie placed first in the men's solo Frost challenge in 2:11:26.

In the kids event Matthew Kendall placed first overall in 17 minutes, 20 seconds.

Great race and a great venue.

The Frost Centre would have made a more welcoming venue however, if the politicians in Ontario would come to an equitable solution regarding the efficacy and importance of this Frost Centre facility.

Too vague?

It's time, Dalton and company, to wake up smell some beans; get off your butts; and do something about this landmark, which is fast becoming both whipping buoy and poster child for bureaucratic bungling and Luddite inertia.

No showers, no building access and no washrooms for an event that drew from across a wide swath of Ontario?

Shame on the bureaucrats who continue to moan, mired in a quagmire of morose introspection.

Maybe three hours on an island in the bay would provoke some cogent political action.

Just spitballin' here Mr. McGuinty. ■

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Saturday, September 25th

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Categories: Adult, Adult/Live, Kids, Kids/Live

Naming: All scarecrows must have a name tag or a sign for easy identification.

Themes: Be creative and use your imagination. We are not limiting entries to a specific theme.

Registration: All scarecrows must be registered from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Setup: 11:00am - 1:00pm in the Village Barn Square

Winners Announced/Prizes Awarded: 2:00 pm

Prizes: Adults, Adults/Live - \$100 cash

Kids, Kids/Live - \$50 in V&S gift certificates

Setup: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Scarecrows must be able to support themselves while on display.

Materials: You are responsible for providing all materials to construct your Scarecrow. Your Scarecrow should have all props securely fastened.

Rules & Restrictions: Purchased scarecrows are not permitted. The Haliburton BIA and CanoeFM are not responsible for any loss or damage to entries. The committee also reserves the right to use photographs of the Scarecrows for future publicity.

The Haliburton BIA hopes that participants allow their scarecrow to be used as part of the Haliburton Village fall festival displays.

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Highlands East – Ward 3 candidates

■ By: Liz Danielsen - Reporter

Donna Graham



Donna Graham

Donna Graham is the Ward 3 incumbent and has been on Council for the past seven years. She is proud to have represented her constituents as a Councillor for the past two terms and looks forward to continuing in that role.

Graham grew up in the Whitevale area but her family's small farm was swallowed up and sold as part of the international airport expansion. When she married she moved to Mount Albert to the house her husband Rocky grew up in. The couple moved to the area 35 years ago when her daughter was three weeks old.

Her mother in law, Dorothy Graham, had purchased a little store in Tory Hill. Graham, pregnant and unable to work, was visiting the area quite a bit, and both she and her husband fell in love with the surroundings. They decided to make the move, took up living quarters that formed part of the

store and have been in the area ever since.

The store sold in 1989 and the couple purchased a piece of vacant land in Gooderham where they built their present home and garage.

Because there were so few jobs available, Graham decided she wanted to upgrade her education and went back to school for retraining. She was successful in getting her real estate licence in 1988 and, while she worked for Montage Real Estate for a time, she later partnered up with her mother-in-law in 1990 who was her broker for years until she decided to take over the business. She ran her real estate business out of the 24/7 Truck Stop, but finally decided to move her office into her home in 2005.

As part of her real estate work, Graham says that she has a lot of contact with both seasonal and permanent residents, which allows her to stay in tune with local issues.

When asked why she decided to get into politics, Graham said that she often spoke with the CAO of Glamorgan about local concerns. She said she was very interested in planning issues and being part of planning for the future. On the CAO's suggestion, Graham submitted her name as a potential councillor and was elected. While on the Glamorgan Council she served as Deputy Reeve for a time.

Graham says that her husband has been a strong supporter of her initiatives all along. The couple has a daughter Sherry, a younger son Steven and three grandchildren.

After amalgamation, Graham said that she didn't have sufficient time to devote to Council. "There was a lot of hard work being done by a lot of people at the time, putting staff into positions, and I didn't think it was fair for me to take that on combined with my real estate business."

So, although she let local politics go for the first three years after amalgamation she decided to submit her name again in the last election. "I was interested in learning more about how things ran and keep my foot in the door. While I knew what was happening in Ward 3, you have a broader picture when you sit at the Council table."

"I'm a hands-on person," she said, adding that while she could contact the CAO about ongoing issues, it wasn't the same as learning for herself.

Priority issues for Graham include improving the performance of the building department. "There have been a number of concerns raised about permits and getting final inspections completed. There are a lot of issues to be resolved and I've taken a number of concerns to Council."

Graham also said that there had been numerous concerns raised about the Fire Department, but she felt things were starting to turn around. "I'm seeing new men and women joining the department and doing a very professional job. We're getting a lot of good feedback, and we have a good group in Gooderham, although I'd like to see more women become involved. It's good experience and a great foundation for their future."

"The police and ambulances seem to be more visible and we have been working with EMS to set up a substation in Tory Hill which is a real plus for the municipality. The building is central and it has been sitting empty. Now it will be used to provide an excellent service."

If elected, Graham says that she wants to concentrate on planning and zoning. She believes there are some conflicting issues that need to be reviewed. "We need to be all on the same page. The fact that there has been conflicting information in our Official Plan and Zoning By-law has been raised by the public a number of times, so we need to take a closer look and resolve those issues."

"I would also like to see more cohesiveness on council as a whole. We need to draw together and work with common goals in mind."

Graham noted the small percentage of people actually voting and said she would like to see that improve as it is an indication of overall community participation. "People should have their say, so I urge them to get out and vote."

Beverly MacDuff



Beverly MacDuff

Bev MacDuff is a strong supporter of ensuring there is public trust in Council, ready access to information and a high standard of open dialogue to ensure that ratepayers are kept abreast of all issues, particular those that will impact services, employment, youth and seniors.

MacDuff was born and raised in Toronto, but she met and married Bradley MacDuff and moved to Gooderham 39 years ago and they have been together ever since. The couple has one son Kirk who lives in Gelert and two grandchildren that they adore.

MacDuff took a municipal administration course at McMaster University and worked as the Assistant Clerk for Glamorgan Township during the mid 1980's. But she also has experience working as an Office Manager with budget allocations under provincial and federal programs through the Hospitality Training Centre in Haliburton and as a Clerk with the Ministry of Natural Resources. She has owned her own business and assumed all of the responsibility that entails including bookkeeping, payroll and financial analysis.

No newcomer to local politics, MacDuff has been a former Councillor, Reeve and member of County Council. She served as a member of the Gooderham Recreation Committee for nine years, organized and supervised the Environmental Youth Corps Program and has been the secretary for the Committee of Adjustment, dealing with minor variances.

MacDuff has been very active in volunteer initiatives working to make Horseshoe Days a success, raising funds for the local Fire Department, organizing Christmas parties for local kids and looking after the local beauty pageant.

When asked why she decided to run for Council again, MacDuff said, "There are a number of reasons. I felt that there was a lack of communication between the present council and their citizens. People have been calling me and saying they were not getting results or being kept informed."

Noting that the Wilberforce Agricultural Society had received a Celebrate Ontario grant, she questions why no application was made for Gooderham's Horseshoe days. "I contacted Celebrate Ontario and found that any event or festival could apply and am disappointed that even though our local Councillor is on the Recreation Committee, no effort was made to apply for that grant."

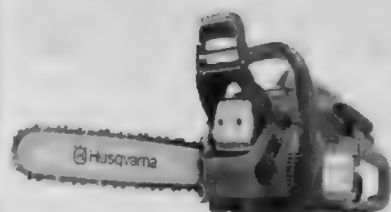
MacDuff also said that she had concerns about fair and open competition for employment opportunities and tendering of equipment or services for the municipality.

She also says that she wants to ensure that all tax dollars are spent on services and issues that impact residents the most. "Fiscal responsibility is an absolute must and unnecessary expenses should be looked at very carefully and even eliminated."

A strong supporter of recycling, MacDuff said that the municipality should set a good example.

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Four candidates vie in Ward 3

Chuck Viner



Chuck Viner

Chuck Viner says that it is time for the Highlands East Council to start looking at things from a broader perspective. He is concerned that the municipality has never truly amalgamated in its approach and is committed to improving their image.

Viner, who now has four sons and five grandchildren, was originally from Peterborough. "But that goes a long way back. I met my wife in Oshawa and we married and raised our kids there. My wife is originally from Gooderham and when we moved into our house on December 9th of 1991 it was like coming home for her."

"I always loved it up here and I've been fortunate to be part of a company that allowed me to bring my job with me and I worked here until I retired."

Viner offers considerable previous Council experience. Starting with the Glamorgan Council, he was elected in 1994 and was the last Reeve of Glamorgan, having taken over from Alva Bates when she resigned for health reasons. He finished her term and was the first Reeve of Highlands East when they amalgamated. Viner also served a term as Deputy Reeve on the Highlands East Council.

"Amalgamation was a challenge in itself and was a very interesting process. It certainly helped to have some council experience under my belt so when our Reeve resigned I was able to take over the helm."

Viner says he also has a solid business background. He was in the office products business for many years and had his own business for a number of years, so says he has a fairly good handle on financial matters and how to economize while 'keeping the ship afloat.'

As a seasonal resident for 15 years before actually moving to the area, he feels he has a good handle on how the seasonal people feel. "They get their tax bills and question exactly what they're getting for their money, which is something I understand completely. We all know that without our seasonal people we would be in big trouble financially."

Viner says that having been both a seasonal and permanent resident he has a better handle when dealing with both sides of issues. "It brings more balance to my approach. People tend to be either pro seasonal or pro permanent, but we're all part of the picture and we definitely need each other to survive."

When asked what made him decide to enter the political world again at this point, Viner admitted that originally he had no intention of running for Council. "But I started listening to some of the people intending to run. The things they told me made no sense and much of it had no basis in fact. I decided that these were not the people I want representing me at the Council table. When a friend suggested that I should do something about it, I decided to put my money where my mouth was."

When asked about his priorities, Viner said, "One issue that always seems to rear its ugly head when election comes around is our post office. People always seem to want to shut it down, primarily because they don't understand the issue. Canada Post told Gooderham years ago that if we wanted to have a Post Office the municipality would have to take it over, so Glamorgan Township did that. For two elections I have listened to people say there is no reason we should be paying for the Gooderham Post Office; that it should be handled by Canada Post. But we have the highest assessment of any Ward in Highlands East and as far as I'm concerned we have paid for the Post Office many times over."

To Viner, the Post Office is the heart and soul of his community. Showing his passion for this subject, he said, "If you take that away we have very little left."

Viner is also quite concerned about the building department. "I'm not laying any blame and accept that people are trying to do their jobs. But we need to find some compromise. I have talked with builders and architectural engineers and have been told that they don't want to business in Highlands East because we are too restrictive. We need to sit down and work things out and let people know that we are open for business. We need the tax revenue and the jobs that business provides."

Viner chuckled and said that the fire department was always an issue, but he simply said, "We have a great group of guys and gals who put their lives on the line for us and we need to support them. There are a number of terrific volunteer groups here and they all need to be supported."

"We need to hold the line on taxes. One of the issues that bothers me is the way that police costs are escalating and going through the roof."

Beverly MacDuff cont'd ...from page 20

"The Council should re-evaluate its in-house recycling. Every little bit helps so there should be recycling bins in the office and no Styrofoam used. We should also show that we are cutting back on what we use. Even in the small things, we can't expect people to abide by our recycling programs if we aren't leading by example."

MacDuff believes there is a lack of continuity in Council decisions and that they are often made in haste. "The Council must make fact based decisions, particularly when the decision affects services."

She is also a strong believer in town hall meetings and said that she would hold meetings every month if elected to keep her constituents informed and make them feel a part of their community. "They have a right to know what's going on."

She also believes that there should be evening council meetings making it more convenient for the public to attend meetings or address council with issues of concern, something which isn't often feasible during day time hours.

"It is imperative to have constant communications with the cottage associations; sent out regular updates to them and keep them informed of issues that may have an impact on them."

MacDuff said, "I will not make promises that may not be implemented or that I cannot keep. There are five other people sitting around the table with different opinions, objectives and even agendas. I will, however, ensure that all documentation is available to council on any issue or concern in order for continuity to prevail."

"There's no point in making promises that can't be kept or raising false hopes," she said. "Sometimes you have a message that people don't want to hear, but I promise to be honest and up front with people."

She urges voters to exercise their right to vote. If you have questions or concerns that you would like to discuss with her, MacDuff can be reached at 705-447-2554 after 6:00 p.m.

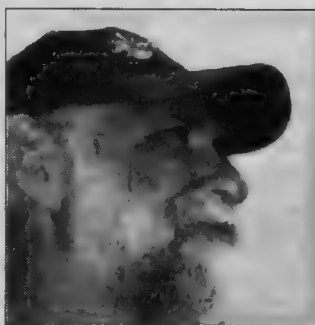
Viner, who was part of the CPAC Committee when he was on Council, said, "I'm not sure exactly what we can do yet to reduce policing costs and improving the police presence here, but we certainly need to investigate the situation and try to find some solutions."

He also commented on recent reduction in speed limits on some of the municipal roads and said, "That's great, but who is going to enforce those speed limits. Policing is an issue that we really have to take a close look at or it will reach the point where we can't afford the service any more. One current member of council says we should look at our own police force, but you need a lot of infrastructure to do something like that. The very fact that people are thinking along those lines indicates that there is a financial problem that must be dealt with in some fashion."

Viner is also concerned about emergency planning and ensuring that there is a transportation plan in place so people can get to emergency centres in a timely way in the event of a major storm or disaster. While confident that there are some emergency plans in place, he says that many residents are unaware of the emergency planning process and what is in place, indicating a need for greater education of the public.

Lastly, but extremely high on his list of priorities, Viner said, "I would like the Council and the Municipality to get back to the point where people look at us and think of us with dignity and respect, something which has been sadly lacking in Highlands East over the past four years. The Council absolutely must work together, cooperate with one another, try to re-establish trust in one another and then leave their differences at the council table." □

Cec Ryall



Cec Ryall

Cec Ryall and his wife Bonnie are maritimers from New Brunswick, who moved to Ontario and settled in Burlington in 1974. The couple was drawn to Haliburton and has been cottaging in the Gooderham area for a number of years.

Ryall was a financial controller and operations manager and much of his career has been related to process management and overseeing productivity. In 1993 Ryall decided to open his own business and became an operations consultant working with companies to improve operations, their financial position, human relations, logistics and communications.

And that's what he did for the next 15 years before retiring to the Gooderham area. He had purchased property in 2002 and started to build, but unfortunately the project was slowed down as he fought with cancer. Although the disease is now in full remission, he established a five year retirement plan. As time passed and he gained a better understanding of cancer, his retirement has become an extension of that five year plan.

The couple completed their cottage in 2004 and took up full residence in 2008. They have one daughter who works at the international airport.

Ryall has no political experience and says he's not caught up in the protocols of what a councillor should or shouldn't do. At this point he says there's nothing that's impossible.

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PART A

LOCATION :

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SCOPE OF WORK - PART A :

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- The removal of all light brush and trees to create a six (6) metre wide utility corridor. This may include "danger trees" as marked in the field
- All tree removals greater than 150mm in diameter shall be limbed, cut into 2.40m lengths and stockpiled at the edge of the cleared corridor
- All brush shall be chipped and disposed of on the project site
- All trees shall be "close cut" at ground level.

PART B

LOCATION :

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SCOPE OF WORK - PART B :

Generally, the work consists of the following:

- All tree removals greater than 150mm in diameter shall be limbed, cut into 2.40m lengths and stockpiled on the Pit property
- All brush shall be chipped and disposed of on the Pit property
- All trees shall be "close cut" at ground level.

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But he has been involved with large corporations in the process of addressing serious issues and has saved them from underperforming or failing. When looking at the challenges of the municipality, he sees similar problems. He says that cross training and making operations more efficient within the municipality is crucial.

Ryall has been involved in a tremendous amount of volunteer work and says one of his greatest accomplishments was working as part of the Tim Horton's Briar in 2007, raising money for junior curling in the Hamilton area. Working as part of a team, they raised over \$128,000 and from that \$56,000 was applied to junior curling in the area.

Ryall also worked with Mohawk College to create the Bob Martin Memorial Award which offers bursaries to needy students in the Hamilton area.

"It might sound a big corny, but I take pride in other people enjoying the results of my work."

Ryall has acted as the financial officer for the Station 3 firefighters, raising funds for the Jaws of Life project with a group of like minded people. He has also been a volunteer firefighter since his arrival in the community.

"The fire department has a number of challenges and they need a master fire plan. The one we have isn't really in place. It has a lot of generic information, some of which isn't specific enough to the municipality. Individual recommendations that we have received haven't been implemented."

Ryall believes there should be more 'follow through' on Council. "There needs to be more commitment on the part of Council to physically get out there and do something."

If successful, he says there are a few things he'd like to tackle. First and foremost, he'd like to see an official maintenance plan implemented. "We have a lot of aging infrastructure and there will be some hefty sums of money required. We need a plan to coordinate the work, set the money aside and make sure we don't end up with a hole in a roof somewhere and no money to fix it."

Ryall says that the municipal website should have a special page for each ward, with an individual report from each councillor to let people know what they are doing or planning. "We need to show our constituents the value of having elected each councillor. It's important for the public to see the productivity of each councillor."

He also says that it would be valuable to have a business section on the website to save people time and money when trying to do business in a variety of ways.

Ryall believes that a more cooperative hand should be extended to the cottage associations as a big piece of the population that isn't being represented.

"There is a Council of five, but I don't see the full Council working on things. If I'm elected, I'm prepared to work with the Reeve and Deputy Reeve to do what I can to improve things."

Ryall made the decision to run for Council after seeing what he considered to be a bit of a disconnect when dealing with the municipality. "As a person who spent their lifetime looking at operations and processes I found that intentions were good, but the follow up was insufficient."

Acknowledging how difficult it is for full time residents to make a living, Ryall believes in the importance of building on trades and smaller businesses already in place. "If we had 150 trades or

business people who all hired one person or apprentice it would be incredible. We don't need mines and quarries; we already have great opportunities within existing niches. We need people that can build and wire things and do it right. Why do we need contractors from outside our municipality coming and doing our business? I realize the need for equal opportunity and a fair bidding process, but we need to improve the profile of our existing businesses which is why an improved business section on our website is so important."

Ryall said that the Council can't keep 'hashing out old stuff.' "History is a great thing to draw from but we need to work on a vision for the municipality's future. I don't see enough hunger or passion to do things."

"Council continues to spin their wheels and look at more reasons why they can't do things rather than working towards things. There are three others running for this position and they're all excellent people. It's a question of understanding what is needed and going forward and of the four of us, I believe I have the best skills to move forward."

Ryall intends to be a full time councillor, particularly for the first six months. "I don't believe I can investigate and get done what I'd like to do on a part time basis and get what I have found, what I have done and what Council is going to do as a group back to the people."

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Highlands East Candidates: Saturday, Sept. 11, 1 p.m.,
Robert McCausland Community Centre, Gooderham

Minden Hills Candidates: Sunday, Sept. 12, 1 p.m.
S.B. Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden.

Dysart et al Candidates: Saturday, Sept. 18, 1 p.m.,
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Algonquin Highlands Candidates: Sunday, Sept. 19,
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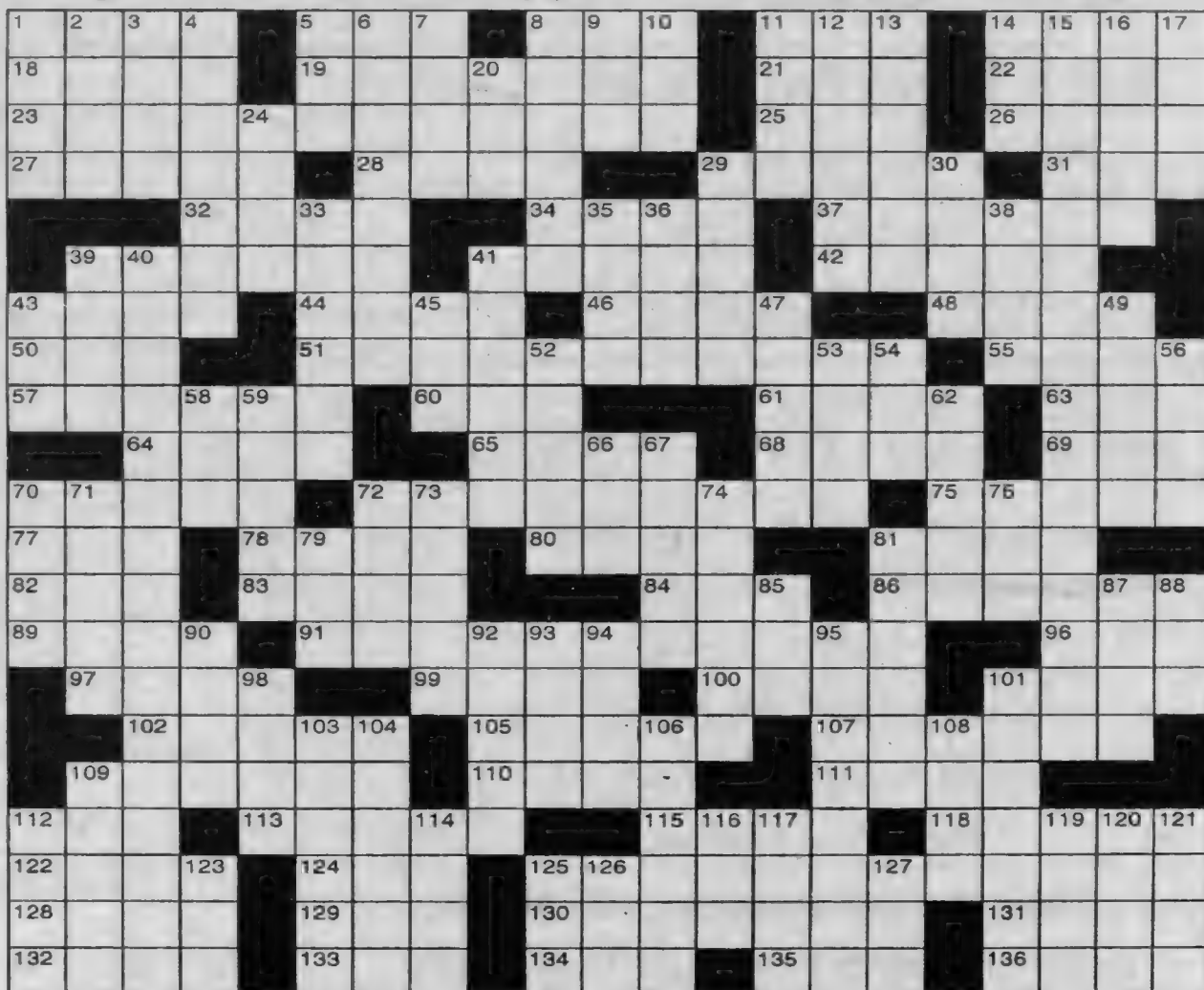
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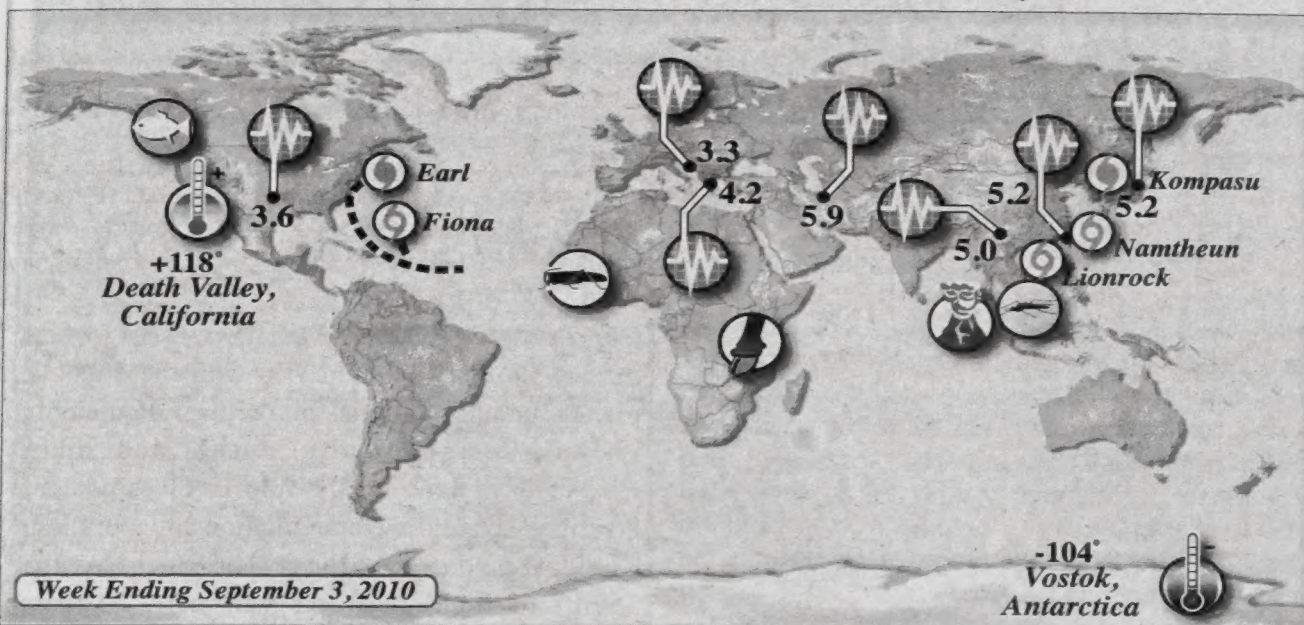
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Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Modified Mosquitos

Malaysia's plans to release genetically modified mosquitos to combat dengue fever are drawing criticism from environmental organizations. Some fear the move could fail to prevent the spread of the disease, and possibly have unintended consequences. Between 2,000 and 3,000 modified male *Aedes aegypti* mosquitos are slated to be released in two Malaysian states during October. They have been engineered so that their offspring die quickly, hopefully curbing the growth of the mosquito population. It's hoped a massive release could entirely eradicate the dengue mosquito if the test project works. Females of the species are responsible for spreading dengue, which has killed 100 people in Malaysia so far this year.

Sumatran Eruption

An Indonesian volcano that had been dormant for four centuries roared back to life in northern Sumatra, forcing about 30,000 people to flee their homes. Mount Sinabung produced strong eruptions for two consecutive days, with plumes of ash and steam soaring a mile and a half into the sky. Sinabung last erupted in 1600, leaving today's scientists with little or no historical information to determine its eruptive pattern and help predict what it might do. People began to evacuate almost two days before the country's National Disaster Management Agency advised them to do so. When the mountain did explode in the middle of the night, no one was injured as hot volcanic debris blanketed areas up to 20 miles away. Lava flowed for a short distance down Sinabung's slopes. Residents in the region were forced to wear facemasks and cloths over their nose and mouth as ash fell for the following three days.

Migration Warning

Wildlife groups are asking the Tanzanian government to reconsider building a highway through the country's Serengeti National Park, the world's best known wildlife sanctuary. The Zoological Society of London and the Wildlife Conservation Society warn that the road would disrupt the migration of 2 million wildebeest and zebras. Tanzania's government says the road is necessary to connect the country's west with commercial centers on the eastern coast. Critics say a new highway could just as easily be built through the southern parts of the park without disrupting the migration route.

Tropical Cyclones

Northern parts of the Windward Islands and Puerto Rico were buffeted and drenched by passing Hurricane Earl. The storm went on to lash parts of the U.S. eastern seaboard. Tropical Storm Fiona took a more easterly path in Earl's wake.

• Tropical storms Namtheun and Lionrock brought rain to Taiwan and parts of coastal China. Typhoon Kompas killed three in Seoul as the strongest such storm there in 15 years.

Earthquakes

Three people were killed when a 5.9 magnitude temblor rocked the northern Iranian city of Damghan. State media reports that 40 others were injured during the shaking.

• China's quake-prone Sichuan province was jolted by a 5.0 magnitude quake that left 14 people injured and hundreds of homes damaged.

• Earth movements were also felt in Taiwan, northern Japan, Croatia, around the Greek capital of Athens and in central Oklahoma.

African Swarms

Crop-devouring locusts have swarmed across more than 40 villages in eastern parts of the West Africa nation of Guinea-Bissau. Officials say that the insects appear to be heading northward toward neighboring Senegal. Guinea-Bissau regional representative Queba Balde told AFP that as many as 125 to 150 locusts were found per square yard in some areas. The plant protection service in the city of Bafata told the agency it has been unable to contain the infestation with its limited resources. Massive locust swarms in 2004 caused a food crisis in Mali, Senegal and Mauritania.

Salmon Bonanza

Western Canada's sockeye salmon, which mysteriously vanished from the Fraser River last year, have returned in numbers not seen since 1913. The species had become so depleted in the British Columbia river last summer that the federal government launched an inquiry into the disappearance. The sockeye that have returned this summer were born in 2006, and left the river for the open Pacific in 2008. The Pacific Salmon Commission estimates that slightly over 25 million fish have returned to spawn. A record number of salmon smolts were born in the Fraser during 2005, and experts were baffled as to why they didn't return during the summer of 2009. Some speculated that they were eaten by predators or affected by warmer ocean temperatures and scarce food. Whatever the reason for last year's disappearance, British Columbia fishermen are now preparing for what may prove to be an epic fishing season thanks to this summer's river bonanza.

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BORN THIS WEEK: You have a penchant
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Personal matters claim a good deal of the Lamb's time in the early part of the week. But by midweek, pragmatic considerations (work, school, job-seeking, etc.) begin to take priority.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The seasonal shift ignites the Bovine's creative aspects. You could do well if you try to combine your penchant for innovation with the more pragmatic demands of the week.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Ideas come easily to you this week. And never mind that some might suggest they're unworkable and/or impractical. It's your vision that counts. Work them out and see what turns up.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Personal matters continue to dominate the early part of the week. By midweek, more workaday issues once again begin to emerge. Balance your time to give both the attention they need.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A new contact could provide an expanded opportunity. But be sure you get all the facts before you consider signing on. Ask questions, and be wary if you don't get the right answers.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An unexpected development could cause some supposedly resolved disagreements to reignite. Deal with the situation before it leads to some really serious problems.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A clash of work-linked viewpoints needs to be discussed openly, honestly and calmly by all concerned before it can impede progress on an ongoing project.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The Scorpion's pragmatic side helps you accept the possibility that a change of plans might be the wise thing to do. Be sure to weigh all your considerations carefully.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Some people might not take no for an answer. Never mind. Keep your resolve if you're sure you don't want to be involved in a potentially sticky situation.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) All other facts and figures aside, it's what you learn about potential colleagues that can be most helpful in assessing any decisions you're likely to make regarding a new project.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might want to reconsider some of your outside commitments if they continue to demand more time than you can spare. Be honest with yourself when making a decision.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Pay attention to that inner voice of Piscean wisdom counseling you to remove those rose-colored glasses and take an honest look at any decisions you might face this week.

Help Wanted

PATIENT NEWS PUBLISHING

Our frontline Account Managers assist dental offices across North America with the ongoing management of their marketing campaigns—newsletters, postcards, email, and other marketing initiatives. The role involves content creation, scheduling and relationship building. The ideal candidate will be goal oriented, have the ability to multi-task and will have 2 years business experience in a sales environment. Extensive training is provided, but an understanding of customer service and marketing is an asset. If you are an enthusiastic team player, please send your resume with cover letter to:

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Death Notice

Clifton James Clarke

Suddenly, on Sat., Aug. 28, at his home in Kenora, Clifton James Clarke, in his 34th year, was taken into the arms of the Lord. Beloved son of Terry and Raylene Clarke of Minden. Grandson of Gloria and the late Ray Moore, of Minden; and Theresia, and the late Al Clarke of Gravenhurst. Survived by saddened brothers and sisters Doreen, Cathy Lee, and Vera of Kenora. John (Celeste) of Ottawa, Julie Ann of London, Jerome (Heather) of Oshawa, Charles of Orillia and Ryan of Alberta. Nephew of Glenn and Deb Moore, Colleen & Blake O'Byrne, Keith Moore, Daryl & Kelly Moore, Brian Moore, Rawn and Lawrence Loughheed, Scott & Michelle Moore, Kathy Shillinglaw and Angela Clarke. Remembered also by many cousins, many friends and the extended Skead family of Kenora, Ont. Services held in Kenora.

Coming Events

**Please join
 Barb and Arvo Kaasalainen
 as they celebrate 50 years of
 marriage on September 11th.**

With an Open House from 1:00pm - 4:00pm
 at Sunny Rock Bed and Breakfast, 1144
 Scotts Dam Road; Best Wishes only, please.



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For Sale

NEW COMPLETE SEPTIC SYSTEMS. 30 Years of experience in Minden and Haliburton area. We take care of all paperwork and permits. Fully licensed, health unit inspected. Call for a free estimate, Brent Colman Trucking and Excavating at 705-286-3952 or 1-800-357-8711 (TFN)

FOR SALE – Nicely seasoned firewood Dunloe Farms West Guilford, Delivery available. Call 705-754-3034. (TFN)

FOR SALE – Tractor, bush hog and myself will mow any size over grown fields \$60.00 per hour. Call evenings Don Outram 705-448-2190. (Sept B)

FOR SALE – Black suit, Boy's, 2-piece, size 14, worn twice, plus white shirt, excellent condition, \$50 – Call 705-455-2707.

BENOIR LAKE – 2 waterfront lots suitable for year round home or cottage. On a paved, municipal road. Both have driveway, well, phone, hydro. Paddle into Algonquin or boat for 40km on a 3 Lake chain. 1 minute to snowmobile trails and golf. Phone 613-332-2000. (Sept D)

FOR SALE – Line man's pole spurs and safety belt, made by Buckingham, never been used, call Ronnie at 705-286-0306. (Sept B)

FOR SALE – 1989 Ford diesel, 1 ton hoist has \$15,500 certify will take \$5000obo. Dry firewood for sale Call Jim Reynolds 705-455-9186. (Sept B)

FOR SALE – 1999 Chev Lumina – just spent over \$2000, new brakes, front wheels, seals, 4 new tires, 170,000 kms - \$3000 obo. Welder mig pack 10 - \$400.00. Call Jim Reynolds 705-455-9186. (Sept B)

FOR SALE – 4x8 slate pool table, black cherry \$2500 new, selling for \$1000. WG Bell upright Piano, excellent condition \$400. Call 705-489-2277. (Sept C)

FOR SALE – Box trailer 6x4 \$300. Small freezer, upright, compact \$200. Both in good condition, Call 705-286-1759. (Sept B)

For Sale

BARGAIN OF THE YEAR – Tastefully newly decorated home in Minden with basement and upstairs. Sidewalks to shopping – main floor laundry, bath and bedroom. Lots of cupboards. New windows and doors. New 20 foot by 24 foot garage. Five appliances and some furniture. Owners moving. Listing for one month only, \$139,000. Write to box 36, Minden Ontario K0M 2K0. (Sept B)

FOR SALE – 8 hp snow blower with electric start, 26" width x 22" height, cut, good running order. \$400 obo. Call 416-953-7670. (Sept C)

FOR SALE – 2 snowmobiles plus trailer, 99 Yamaha Phaser 500, 90 ski-doo Mach 3, 450. \$2500 obo. Will sell separately if needed. Call 416-953-7670. (Sept C)

FOR SALE – Whirlpool heavy duty thin twins stackable washer and dryer \$1000 new used about 8 months, selling \$600obo. Call 705-457-1455. (Sept B)

For Rent

HOUSE FOR RENT – 3 plus bedroom, 2 bathroom home on 2 acre lot in Eagle Lake. \$1200/month plus utilities, first/last/ references required. Available September 1st, 2010. Contact 647-999-3376. (Sept B)

FOR RENT – Bachelor apartment, utilities, satellite television included – pet okay, no smoking, waterfront, located, on Horseshoe Lake, available immediately, \$700.00 per month, first-last-& references required. Please call 705-854-0044. (TFN)

FOR RENT – One bedroom bachelor apartment, private entrance/deck. Maple Lake area/ utilities included. Clean, well maintained, washer & dryer, non smoker, no pets, references required, \$635/month. 705-754-9732. (Sept C)

FOR RENT – One bedroom apartment between Minden and Haliburton. \$485/month, first/ last, and references required, utilities included. Available September 15th, non-smoking, no pets. Perfect for single, mature, working guy. Please call Carmen at 705-286-0343.

For Rent

HOUSE FOR RENT – Short drive from town, 4 bedrooms, fireplace, carport, acreage, \$1000/month plus utilities. Will consider rent-to-own. Available September 15th, sorry no smokers, references required. Call 705-457-2119. (Sept C)

HOUSE FOR RENT – Beech Lake, 3 bedroom- waterfront/ propane/electric heat, September – May. Call 705-489-1917. (Sept C)

HOUSE FOR RENT – Two Bedroom 1-1/2 bath home near West Guilford available October 15th, no pets, no smokers, \$850.00 plus utilities. Call 705-754-1918. (TFN)

Help Wanted

HELP WANTED – Wanted Inspired Child Care Person – Skills: excellent communication, mindful, nature loving, active, imaginative, Steiner/Waldorf inspired. One who enjoys: digging, looking, laughing, playing, being, discovering, asking, wondering, building, drawing, singing, making, unmaking, reflecting, imagining, investigating, and caring. Email: Karen_woods@betweenworlds@gmail.com with experience and resume. (TFN)

HELP WANTED – For Subway in Haliburton and Minden, full/part-time. Drop off resume at store or fax to 705-286-6843. (Sept B)

HELP WANTED – Full-time position for G2 licensed technician must be experienced with installation & service. Apply at Don Barker Heating 705-489-2004 Haliburton County donbarker@bellnet.ca. (Sept B)

HELP WANTED – Temporary position to help with a large garden for fall clean up. 2-3 days a week, to start asap. Call 705-754-4728. (Sept B)

HELP WANTED – Full-time-part-time laborer for local company, wage depending on experience, immediate opening for laborer. Call for interview 705-457-1687 or fax to 705-457-3392. (Sept B)

Services

handyman – 448-9965. For any and all jobs. What can we do for you? Email oddjobjack@yahoo.ca (TFN)

PROFESSIONAL RADON GAS TESTING AND MITIGATION SERVICES – Radon Gas causes lung cancer. Protect the health of your family. Test your home. Call Mr. Radon at 1-888-472-3664 or visit www.mrradon.ca (TFN)

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LADY ESTHER DAY SPA – Treat yourself to a relaxing Spa treatment at Lady Esther Day Spa. Pedicures, manicures, facials, waxing, body treatments, and massage. Bed and Breakfast also available. Barry Line – West Guilford 705-754-3034. (TFN)

LAWN CARE – Haliburton and Eagle Lake areas. Call 705-754-4589, ask for George. (TFN)

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FURNITURE RE-FINISHING, HANDSTRIPPING & REPAIRS – High quality workmanship, 35 yrs experience firm price; pick-up & delivery available. Stouffer Mill furniture re-fishing – Don 705-489-3024. (TFN)

PAINTER FOR HIRE – available immediately, professional, meticulous, reasonable rates. Call 705-457-3562. (Sept C)

METAL ROOFING – 16 colours to choose from. Installed from \$5.00/sq.ft. (eg. 24' x 32' cottage, 4/12 pitch \$4995) 0% financing with 25% down. "The last roof your cottage will ever need" Call now for a free estimate (705) 340-0283 TRUE NORTH CONTRACTING (Oct A)

Services

COTTAGE MAINTENANCE – Roofing, painting, staining, doors & windows, decks, docks, demolition, rubbish removal, tree removal, all aspects of cottage maintenance. 20 years experience, reasonable rates. "Spend your time on the dock, not on the cottage". True North Contracting, 705-340-0283. (Oct A)

SERVICES – Roofing, chimney sweeping, fall clean-up. Call Mike Thomson 705-457-6365. (Sept C)

Lost & Found

FOUND – Well trained – very friendly- Yellow Lab approximately 2 years old male – found on Caribou Lodge Road on Saturday, August 21st. Please call 705-286-6638(h) 705-286-2837(w)

LOST – SONY camcorder at Furnace Falls, at the picnic area just north of Kinmount (off of 503) on Aug 25th. If anyone has found it, can they please contact me at (905) 794-8239. I'd really appreciate their help. I have lots of priceless family videos on it. I can give a reward to the person finding it. (Sept E)

Pets & Agriculture

K9 CLIPPERS & KENNELS 2153 HARBURN ROAD. Professional Grooming Service & friendly, loving home away from home 1-705-457-3614 Natasha Coumbs. (TFN)

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Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENT – On Sunday September 12 at 10:30 a.m. Pastor David Johnson of the Minden Bible Church on Bobcaygeon Road speaks to the ladies about an "I do". ■

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Eco TRIVIA ANSWER

A: a.)? Seven species out of eight in Ontario are at various degrees of risk of becoming extinct! Turtles are a very important part of our ecosystem, they help to keep our lakes clean and free of over-vegetation by feeding on dead and decaying matter, which makes it possible for other species to thrive, such as bass. Please help make sure our turtles are around for a long time to come by stopping where it is safe to do so to help them cross roads, making sure to report any illegal activities like collecting or trading them to 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667). If you come across an injured turtle, the best thing to do is put it into a small box that just fits, don't rinse or feed, and take it to the nearest drop-off center, which you can find at www.turtleshellortue.org under the EMERGENCY link on the left. Kawartha Turtle Trauma center is also an excellent resource to help turtles, www.kawarthaturtle.org

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